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WTH Levee Nearer
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Construction Start

Construction of the long-awaited West Terre Haute levee may begin within the next 40 days, according to John Haley, president of Haley Brothers Construction Corp., which submitted a low bid of \$544,092.30 for the project Wednesday.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to award the contract to the Haley firm within the next month. Haley said his firm will start work on the

project within 10 days after the bid is officially awarded.

The low bid is under the government's estimate, which was \$667,405.35.

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"We're on our way now," said Leon Ratcliffe, secretary-treasurer of the West Vigo Levee Association, which has pushed the project for about eight years.

"This is the last stage," Ratcliffe said. "As soon as they award the bid, I imagine construction will begin within 30 days from that date."

There were five other bidders on the project. The second-low bidder was White Excavating, Inc., Clinton, with a bid of \$698,982.30. Then came an Indianapolis firm, A. T. Gravelle, with a bid of \$772,599.80.

The work included in the bid submitted by Haley calls for construction of flood protection work including concrete walls, sheet piling, movable closures, storage vaults, drainage structures, pipe drains, an earth levee and seedlings.

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"We would start on three different phases," Haley said. "That would include structures, clearing and stripping."

Haley said he is looking forward to starting on the project. "It's really been needed for a long time," he said.

George Gettinger, executive director of the Wabash Valley Interstate Commission, said,

"This looks to me like a go-go project. I'm really happy for the people of West Terre Haute. I know Gil Bedino, president of the West Vigo Levee Association, sweated blood over it for the last eight years or so."

Bedino will be out of the city until Friday and was not available for comment.

The levee, which will be built around the immediate edge of West Terre Haute, will protect the town from the ravages of Sugar Creek and backwater of the Wabash River during periods of heavy rainfall and upstream runoff. It has been designed to keep flood water at a level that will keep water from entering or flooding any part of West Terre Haute.

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WTH Family's 12/9/30 Trib. Home Burned; Aid Is Given

Relatives and friends of the John R. Couch family, whose Bennett Lane home was destroyed by fire Tuesday, have been joined by other West Terre Haute residents and local relief agencies in aiding the family of six.

The home, located northwest of town near the old Green Valley Mine, was described as a total loss as were the contents, by the report of the West Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Department. The Couch family includes four children ranging in age from nine months to seven years.

The fire department reported the residence was completely burned out when the two trucks arrived at the scene. St. Mary-of-the-Woods volunteer firemen also responded to the fire call.

The Wabash Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross made available its services about two hours after the fire.

Emergency clothing needs of the family were met, and blankets and comfort kits were given to the father, mother and the four children, three girls and a boy, all under school age.

Joseph P. Lowe, director of the Red Cross chapter, a United Fund Agency, said the family still needs more items of clothing and other essentials, even though immediate needs were met.

The office of the Sugar Creek Township Trustee John Daniel was contacted, and food and commodities were provided for the homeless family.

Couch, who is unemployed, was reported out of the house when the fire started. His wife, Marie, and the four children were in the house and all escaped without injury, according to the fire department.

Cause of the fire was not determined.

The family is now staying at

the home of Mrs. Couch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Padgett, 627 S. 7th St., West Terre Haute.

Friends and neighbors of the family have attempted to alleviate the needs of the family by donating items of clothing and food and other necessities.

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Option Taken on Land For New WTH School

The board of trustees of the Vigo County School Corp. has taken an option on a 47.5-acre tract of land in West Terre Haute for a new elementary school.

Announcement of the option was made during a special meeting of the board Monday night.

The land, at 3rd and Olive Sts. in West Terre Haute, is believed to be higher than the proposed West Terre Haute levee and has never been under

water, according to older residents of the area.

It was optioned for 180 days from Mrs. Frances Lutes and her son. Appraisal price was set at \$30,000.

The board named John A. Curry Architects, Inc., as architect and pointed out the option would give the firm time to survey the site and report its advantages for construction of the school.

Teacher Pay, Status

During the meeting, a decision was reached concerning pay for teachers attending organizational meetings for legislative purposes.

The school attorney, Warren R. Everett, reported that it was beyond the authority of the board to pay teachers as professional leave to attend organizational meetings for legislative purposes. The decision, which was adopted by the board, was based upon statutes and its own handbook, both of which were cited by Everett in his report.

The board meeting, followed a meeting of members of the board of finance, which accepted proposals from banks to serve as depositories for school funds for 1969-1970.

Percentages of deposits to be made with the four local banks

with which school monies are deposited will be figured upon the total resources other than public deposits of the banks as reported in their proposals and will be announced at the next meeting of the board which will review the minutes of Monday night's meeting.

Banks submitting proposals to serve as depositories for school funds and the total resources each reported, excluding public deposits, are: Indiana State Bank, \$32,919,866.01; Merchants National Bank, \$59,956,620.57; Terre Haute First National Bank, \$96,934,469.92, and Terre Haute Savings Bank, \$31,730,921.56.

The list of depositories will be filed with the State Board of Depositories by March 2.

Community Affairs File WTH Project Delayed By Injunction

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The West Terre Haute street reconstruction project has been delayed due to an injunction complaint that was filed Friday in Vigo Superior Court by the apparent low bidder.

Judge Harold J. Bitzegaio scheduled a hearing Aug. 30 on a permanent injunction in the suit brought against members of the town Board of Trustees and W. C. Hargis & Son, Inc.

Plaintiffs in the suit are the State of Indiana, acting on behalf of Robert Garrett, Robert Garrett individually and White Excavating, Inc.

According to the complaint which was filed by Gerald H. McGlone, plaintiff's attorney, White Excavating submitted a bid of \$20,882.50 for resurfacing a portion of Sixth Street in West Terre Haute.

The suit alleges the bid submitted by Hargis, which was awarded the contract Aug. 15, was some \$1,500 higher than the bid submitted by White Excavating.

"White Excavating" is well qualified to perform the work in question and was the lowest and best bidder for the work," the suit states. The complaint sets out further that the contract which has been or is about to be entered into between the town board and White Excavating is unlawful and void.

Board members named individually in the suit are Dallas Day, Rene Verpleatse and Charles Cardinal.

According to the complaint, the awarding of the contract to Hargis will result in an increase of approximately 7.5 per cent in the cost of the project. The suit states the additional cost to the taxpayers is "unreasonable, unjustifiable and a waste of public money."

The suit states further that the town board has "breached its duty to safeguard public funds, has acted arbitrarily and capriciously and has abused the discretion vested in it."

"The conduct of the defendants constitutes fraud and is an intentional and wrongful misuse of public funds," the complaint states.

The complaint asks:

—The contract between the board and Hargis be rescinded, cancelled and declared void.

—The defendants be preliminarily and permanently enjoined from entering into or performing the contract or making or receiving any payments.

—The board be ordered to award the contract to White Excavating as lowest and best bidder.

—For judgment against the defendants in the amount of any sums paid to Hargis pursuant to the contract, together with interest at the rate of 8 per cent a year from date of payment, and for punitive damages sufficient to "punish defendants for their unlawful conduct and deter them from such conduct in the future."

Plaintiffs posted a \$1,000 bond to cover losses in the event the court finds in favor of the defendants.

James A. Ball entered his appearance as attorney for Hargis. The board members are represented by Verl G. Miller and Richard J. Shagley, both of the Berry, Miller & Wright law firm.

West Terre Haute WTH Community Center Proposed

West Terre Haute civic and governmental officials will meet Tuesday night to discuss the possibility of acquiring the North Elementary School to use as a West Terre Haute Community Center.

Dave Johnston, president of the West Terre Haute Jaycees, said the North Elementary School, which formerly was Valley High School before school reorganization, will not be used by the Vigo County School Corp. (VCSC) after this school year ends. A new school has been built to replace it.

Johnston said representatives of West Terre Haute already have met individually with members of the VCSC Board of Trustees. "The main thing we have got to do is determine the correct legal process," Johnston said.

Interested citizens, along with civic and governmental officials, are welcome to attend the meeting, Johnston said. The session will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday at

the West Terre Haute Library. Some citizens already scheduled to attend the meeting are: Charles Eggleston, a school board member before school reorganization; Alex Menestrina, an interested citizen and former principal of Valley High School,

now an official for the VCSC; State Rep. John A. Kesler (D-Terre Haute), a resident of the West Terre Haute area; Gil Bedino, a West Terre Haute businessman and leader; John Sutherland, who represents the West Terre Haute area on the VCSC board of trustees; Art Mann, president of the Vigo County Council; Vern Anderson, trustee of Sugar Creek Township, and the three members of the West Terre Haute Town Board, John Scott, president; Chuck Cardinal, and Tex Day.

Other WTH businessmen planning to attend: John Abrell, Ed Dodge, Max Erlichman, and Lee Fields.

Johnston stressed the fact that the WTH boosters plan to work closely with the VCSC to determine the correct legal procedure for acquiring the facility.

He said the gym at North School, 127 W. Johnston St., West Terre Haute, would be used as the Community Center. The property owned by the VCSC there also includes the main school building and a shop building possibly could be used for meetings of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other local organizations.

At present, there is no future use contemplated for the actual school building. It probably would be torn down eventually.

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Vigo County Public Library

2nd Playground To Be Built in W. Terre Haute

Development of a second children's playground in West Terre Haute will move into high gear Saturday and Sunday with the hauling of earthen fill to the playground site at 6th Street and Ratcliffe Avenue.

John A. Scott, president of the town board, said the earth will be hauled in 10 trucks, donated by the U. S. Army Reserve, from the Frank Coveleskie property at North Lake, just north of the community.

Scott said the Army Reserve is also donating drivers for the trucks, and the J. I. Case Co. of Terre Haute is donating a loader and an operator. Coveleskie is giving the earth to the town, and also is furnishing a loader and operator.

Volunteers to direct traffic are urgently needed, Scott said. He advised those interested to either report to the West Terre Haute municipal building about 11 a.m. Saturday, or contact Charles Cardinal, a town board member, at his residence, 304 S. 6th St., West Terre Haute.

Scott said the playground was purchased by the three service clubs in the community—Jaycees, Rotary and Optimists—and subsequently donated to the town.

The playground covers seven lots with a total of 39,200 square feet. Its dimensions are 280 feet north and south, and 140 feet east and west.

Exactly how many truckloads of earth will be needed is not known, although Scott said the playground will require a fill of 25 to 30 inches in most places.

When finished, the playground will have a 24-foot by 50-foot basketball court, slide, monkey bar, child's shower sprinkler and a sewer pipe for the youngsters to crawl through, Scott reported.

Equipment for the playground will be financed through the town's general improvement fund.

The new playground is designed for the convenience of youngsters living south of U. S. Highway 40. The town already has one playground north of Route 40. It's owned by Gil Bedino, local funeral director, who allows the town to use it as a playground area.

INDIANA ROOM
LOCAL HISTORY

West Terre Haute

Senate Group Approves WTH Levee Funds

11/12/69

The U. S. Senate Appropriations Committee Tuesday recommended approval of \$235,000 in federal funds for the proposed West Terre Haute Levee project, U. S. Sen. Birch Bayh told THE TRIBUNE.

The appropriation was expected to be approved by the U.S. Senate Wednesday afternoon.

The U. S. House Appropriations Committee approved the \$235,000 in October.

Gil Bedino, president of the West Terre Haute Levee Association, said he was elated by the news from Sen. Bayh's office.

"It looks like we're in real good shape," said Bedino, who has been promoting the project for the last seven years.

"As soon as the appropriation gets final approval of Congress, the Army Corps of Engineers will be ready to let contracts to start construction."

Bedino said he doesn't know which portion of the levee will be started first. "We hope they (the Army Corps of Engineers) start where it's worst, but they'll have to determine if that is feasible."

Total cost of the levee is expected to be nearly \$1 million. The Army Corps of Engineers has said a \$300,000 figure would meet construction capacity for the project for the current fiscal year.

Sen. Bayh's office said he worked hard to get the Senate Appropriations Committee's favorable recommendation to increase the appropriation from \$170,000 to \$235,000.

West Terre Haute

W. Terre Haute Tax Rate Cut

By JACK A. HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

A sharp cut in the 1969 West Terre Haute town tax rate proposal was the final action of the Vigo County Tax Adjustment Board which ended its budget review before noon Thursday, a day and a half ahead of schedule.

County Councilman J. Arthur Mann, serving as chairman of the tax study group, credited the ready availability of information as well as diligent work by board members for the comparatively quick completion of budget reviews scheduled to last throughout the week.

Action on the West Terre Haute spending program whacked 64 cents from next year's proposed rate, dropping the town general fund rate from \$4.556 to \$3.916 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

However, the new proposed rate is 88 cents above the current rate of \$3.035, and with other budget increases, puts the total proposed rate to be paid by residents of West Terre Haute at \$12.606 — higher than that expected by residents of Terre Haute-Harrison Township.

The Terre Haute-Harrison total rate, currently at \$11.34 and proposed at about \$12.41

next year, has long been the highest in the county and generally used as the rate for comparison of taxes on other.

While the board could only recommend a budget under study, and specify where the cut should come, a recommendation will go to the state that the cut should come from additional fire and police personnel sought by the town.

This action was in response to a protest from West Terre Haute residents who visited the public meeting at the Courthouse Thursday morning. Led by Alexander Heller, and consisting of town improvement committee members, the group said that West Terre Haute needs the extra men, but can't afford them.

Jim Mann, town clerk-treasurer, presented budget information to the board and pointed out that the reason for the sudden jump in taxes, as far as the town rate was concerned, lay in failure by the town's previous administration to provide a sufficient working balance last year. The town reportedly ended last year with \$1,500 in unpaid bills and insufficient money to operate this year. He said that

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Tax Rate Cut

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the town was only seeking \$3,000 more than last year's budget of \$62,000, but with other factors involved ended up with a proposal for \$75,000.

Concerning the additional man sought for each of the protection services, police and fire, Mann said, "We've been working short-handed for a long time and it looks like we'll just have to keep on for a while."

It came to the attention of the adjustment board that the protestors at Thursday's meeting had not protested the town rate to the West Terre Haute Town Board's review meeting. Adjustment board member John Hunter said, "That's where they might really have accomplished something and where this protest should have come."

Heller replied that he did not attend the town board meeting because he had been "threatened with violence." The claim met some startled glances and questioning looks, but Heller did not detail his charges.

In other action, the board passed the rates of Fayette and Nevins townships and carried the Prairietown Township rate

at 38 cents used in all deliberations rather than at 28 cents as advertised incorrectly, according to Thursday's report.

Just before the adjustment review was closed, Charles Burke, representing the state tax board, addressed the group in a short session closed to the press. No change in earlier action was reported as the review session ended.

Budgets approved Wednesday by the board included those of the Town of Riley, the Town of Seelyville, the Prairie Creek-Vigo Conservancy District, and the townships of Otter Creek, Sugar Creek, Honey Creek, Linton, Pierson, Prairieton, Riley, Lost Creek and Prairie Creek.

Earlier action by the board left the school and city budgets intact, but cut three cents from the base rate and another penny from the Harrison Township rate. The base rate budgets affected were the county general fund, cut two cents, and the library fund, cut one cent.

Tax Adjustment Board members include four at-large appointments by Circuit Court Judge H. Ralph Johnston, Vigo Superior Court Judge Harold J. Bitzegaio and Judge Charles K. McCrory of Vigo Superior Court No. 2. Those members are John Etling, school teacher and president of the Central Labor Council; John Hunter, president of Hunter, Gillum and Hunter, Inc.; Kendall Hayhurst, accountant, and Harold S. Fox, retired farmer and former assistant vice president of the Terre Haute First National Bank.

In addition, the board includes three members representing government agencies: County Councilman J. Arthur Mann appointed by the County Council; Pete Farmers, a member of the board of the Vigo County School Corporation appointed by that body, and City Controller Carl Price, appointed by the City Council.

IU NAMES NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—The Indiana University journalism department today announced appointment of Jerry Hicks, senior from Washington, Ind., as editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper, the Daily Student.

Hicks transferred in 1967 from Vincennes University, where he edited the campus newspaper, the Trailblazer. He has been a journalism intern on the Vincennes Sun-Commercial and the Washington Times-Herald.

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LOCAL HISTORY

INDIANA ROOM

"We really want to keep that gym for a community center," Johnston said. "Right now our jaycee organization sponsors a grade school basketball league which attracts about 100 boys." He pointed out there is no other facility where that activity could be continued if the gym were not available to the community.

"Developing this facility into a Community Center is something we've been planning on for about three years," he said. "It's probably going to be one of the biggest things that has happened over in West Terre Haute in years. We have the entire community behind us, too."

Tuesday's meeting will be devoted to discussing how the school property can be legally acquired from the VCSC. The group also will discuss whether it would be possible for the WTH Town Board or possibly the township to become legal owner of the property.

Johnston pointed out that there also is a cafeteria in the gym, which would be a big boost for civic organizations planning events in the proposed Community Center.

At the completion of Tuesday's meeting, Johnston said the WTH group hopes it will be prepared to meet with representatives of the VCSC to go into more detail on how the school property could be acquired.

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OLD NORTH SCHOOL BEC WTH COMMUNITY CENTER

West Terre Haute

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 501, West Terre Haute, presented the colors at the beginning of the rededication ceremony of North School.



WEST VIGO CONCERT BAND, informally attired, played several numbers during the rededication program.



MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT was provided by this attractive and talented group, the West Vigo Viketones for the Rededication Ceremony at the old North School in West Terre Haute.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS of West Vigo Community Center, Inc. The group was formed in late 1971 and negotiated with the Vigo County School Corporation for a perpetual lease at \$1 per year for the old North Elementary School to be used as a community building. In a way, it was "full circle," as the gym, built in the 1930s with some federal funds, was originally used as a community building. North School and three others were closed when the new West Vigo Elementary School opened last fall.

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A FREE BEAN DINNER was just one of the attractions on the day the old North School was rededicated as a West Terre Haute community center. The chefs are Grover McCleary, Herb Mason and Randy Herrington. They prepared 100 pounds of beans for the event.



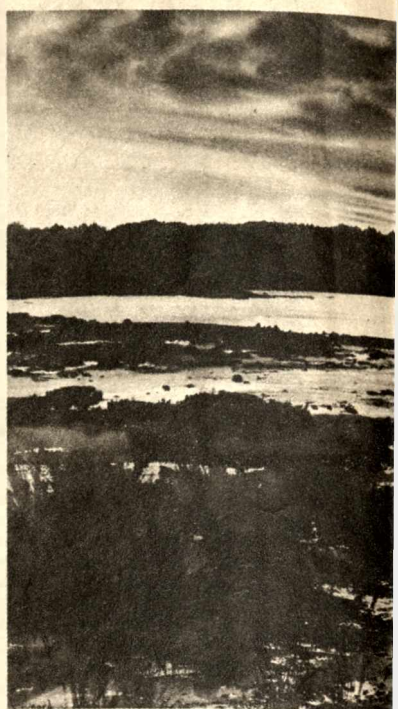
AT THE REDEDICATION were Margaret V. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith, Gray Nicholson and Tom Fyfe. The Smiths are both alums of North School; she also taught there and he was on the school board; Nicholson served as teacher, superintendent and basketball coach.



JOHN SUTHERLAND, representing the Vigo County School Corporation Board of School Trustees, handed over the keys to the building to Dave Johnston, president of the West Vigo Community Center, Inc.

Art Object of the Week

A 1964 WATERCOLOR, "Between the Tides," by Joel Warner Reichard, is the Art Object of the Week at the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery from Sunday, June 18 through Saturday, June 24. In the foreground are weeds and marshy growths, and in the middle distance two men are digging clams in smooth shallow water. The mood is quiet and peaceful, the colors are soft but the sky is cloudy and threatening. The artist was born in Bourbon, Ind., in 1909 and studied at the John Herron Art Institute. His works have been shown nationally and he is the recipient of numerous national awards. Reichard presently resides in Silver Spring, Fla.



MELBA GRIFFITH, seated center, wearing corsage, was feted by her fellow employees when she retired from the S. S. Kresge Co. recently.



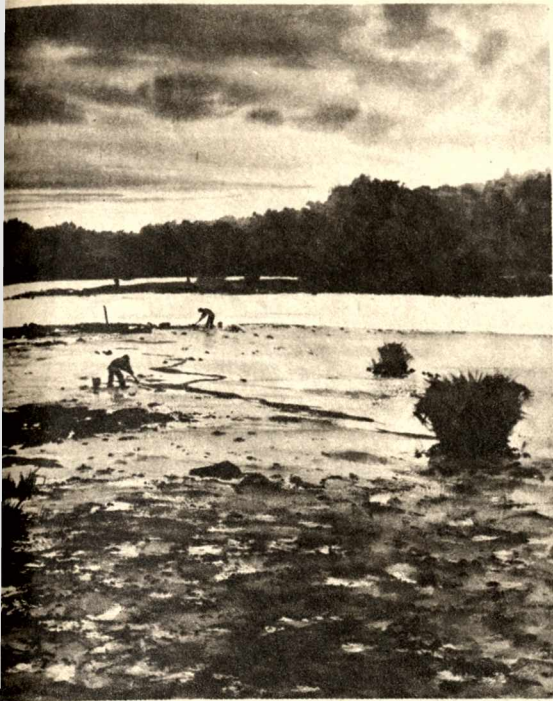
NOTRE DAME ALUMNI NIGHT program was held at the Knights of Columbus clubhouse.



THESE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, INSTRUCTORS AND DIGNITARIES recently attended the Advanced Driver's Education program at ISU's Driver and Traffic Safety Demonstration Center. This all-day event was sponsored by Indiana Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. Dr. Walter W. Gray, is president of the organization.

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MIKE KEARNS, left, was named 1971 Man of the Year at the Notre Dame Alumni Night dinner. Kearns, a local attorney, serves as juvenile judge for Vigo County. Previous winners of the Notre Dame Man of the Year award who attended the dinner were Bernard Burdick, Jim Boyer, Dick Kelly, Jim Sullivan and Fred Christman Jr.




ISU DRIVER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS—These advanced students in Driver Education participated in the 4th Annual Conference of the Indiana Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association's advanced driver education program for teachers throughout Indiana.

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PRESENTS FLAG—State Rep. Richard C. Bodine (D-Mishawaka), right, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor, Monday presented an Indiana flag to John A. Scott, president of the West Terre Haute Town Board. The flag will be used in West Terre Haute. Scott is a Democratic candidate for county commissioner in the Nov. 7 general election. House of Photography Photo.

Proxmire Says He Was Subject Of Threats

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. William Proxmire says he was threatened with assassination during the debate on the controversial Lockheed loan guarantee and changed the route of his morning jog to work to avoid "an easy sniper pickoff."

Proxmire, the Senate's most famous jogger, made the disclosure in a new book in which he criticizes alleged military and domestic federal waste and calls for an end to most secret hearings in Congress and the executive branch.

The Wisconsin Democrat had opposed the Nixon administration's ultimately successful bill to provide a \$250 million loan guarantee to the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., the nation's largest defense contractor.

In his book, entitled "Uncle Sam, Last of the Bigtime Spend-

taxation and military and domestic procurement.

He also urged an end to secrecy in the budget-writing process of the federal government.

He recommended that long before final decisions are made public hearings be held on budget programs on an agency-by-agency, department-by-department basis before presidential approval.

Proxmire said almost every congressional hearing should be open to the public and press except when "matters of the most secret national security issues are involved."

Gunman Kills Loyal Catholic

BELFAST (AP) — A gunman killed an unarmed Roman Catholic sergeant in Northern Ireland's mostly Protestant militia today as two of the man's 12 children screamed in terror.

John Roddy, 50, had just waved to his wife and was 100 yards from his back door as the gunman in a green combat

Gov't Finds Little Value In Diet Pills

By JOHN STOWELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government-hired panel of consultants has concluded that diet pills are of "clinically trivial" value in weight loss and, with one exception, should be tightly controlled.

The recommendation, if accepted by regulatory agencies, would permanently crimp the profitable, multimillion-dollar antifat business by prohibiting refillable prescriptions and imposing manufacturing quotas.

After reviewing mountains of effectiveness data sorted in a pioneering computer project, the consultants said diet pills in general cause the loss of only a fraction of a pound per week in short-term use.

The total impact of drug-induced weight loss over that of diet alone "must be considered clinically trivial," they said, es-

Gravestones Aren't Back Yet

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — As the Des Moines Parks Board prepared to reach a decision today on whether to return two controversial homemade tombstones to the graves of Cynthia Frederick's children, a councilman expressed concern for the city's reputation.

"I want to see the proper conclusion reached on the incident itself," said Councilman George Whitmer, "and I'm terribly concerned about the city. I don't want to see the name dragged down when perhaps there's no reason for it."

At issue are two concrete markers which were removed from the graves of the 21-year-old mother's infant children by municipal cemetery workmen.

City officials appear to be caught by a wave of public sentiment. Some indicated they will switch their allegiance from enforcing a city ordinance to supporting the plight of Mrs. Frederick.

Park Board President James Morris Jr. said Monday officials have "done a lot of soul searching. I think we'll grant permission for the stones to be set."

"I'd be enraged if it had been my children this had happened to," said Mayor Richard Olson.

The Park Board's cemetery committee has refused to recommend that the two grave-markers be put back.

"I don't think anyone at that time realized the momentum this decision would gain as an emotional item," said George Whitmer, city council representative to the Park Board.

A city ordinance says tombstones must be made of granite or bronze. Mrs. Frederick said she couldn't afford either, so she fashioned hers of concrete.

Montezuma, Ind.

MONTEZUMA, Ind. — J.B. Bowman of the U.S. Navy stationed at Groton, Conn., spent a week's leave here at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bowman and relatives.

Mrs. Robert Burns and Mrs. Josephine Sexton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sexton in Danville, Ill. Also with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Swaney and family at Catlin, Ill.

The Past Matrons Club met recently at the Masonic Hall, Mrs. Earl Bradley was the hostess and provided the entertainment. Mrs. Ruth Morgan, president, called the meeting to

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Community Affairs File

TOWN BOARD 72

APPROVES WTH

'73 BUDGET

The West Terre Haute Town Board Monday night approved a proposed 1973 budget that will leave the tax rate at its present level of \$5.47 for each 100 assessed valuation.

The present \$88,715 operating budget came under considerable fire from taxpayers in 1971 when it was announced. The budget increased the West Terre Haute rate more than two dollars, the highest increase of any local taxing unit.

Town Board Member Jim Mann said Monday West Terre Haute will be among a very few taxing bodies in the state that will be able to hold the tax rate at the 1972 level.

In addition to the town levy, the final tax rate for West Terre Haute will include levies by Vigo County, Sugar Creek Township, Vigo County School Corp. and Vigo County Public Library. The final 1972 rate was \$15.05, an increase of \$12.55 over the 1971 rate.

The budget is subject to review by the Vigo County Tax Adjustment Board and Indiana Board of Tax Commissioners.

Other members of the West Terre Haute Town Board are John Scott, president; Dallas Day and Chuck Cardinal.

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**WTH Residents
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By ED MILLER

Tribune Staff Writer

A warm summer-like breeze seemed to enthuse about 80 West Terre Haute residents yesterday.

The citizens, conducting a community improvement survey, seemed more than thankful for pleasant weather as they walked over the streets of the town asking its residents their views and comments about their hometown.

"I couldn't believe it," one surveyor exclaimed about the enthusiasm the local residents had for the survey.

John Sedwick, president of the Citizens and Business Association, said by evening about 75 per cent of the community had been surveyed.

"Everything seemed as though it went really well," he said. "People were real receptive."

John Sheehan of the local regional planning office who

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helped organize the survey, said the questionnaires passed out to residents will help community leaders determine what problems they should concentrate their efforts on.

"It will help the town board to determine how tax money should be spent," he said. "It also will serve as a means of bringing the community together."

Sheehan explained the survey perhaps is the only one of its type ever conducted in Indiana.

"You have to have community participation in problem solving," he said. "It will give the people a chance to determine if they do or do not support the community."

Besides the regional planning office, four West Terre Haute organizations are helping with the survey. These are the Jaycees, the Citizens and Business Association, the town board and the Clergy Association.

Sedwick said the results of the survey will be published in about two weeks. "We'll then be pounding on the door of the town council with the results," he mused.

The survey, when completed, also will be used by state and federal agencies. Sheehan explained. "It will be used to back up requests made by the city for special revenue sharing allocations," he explained. "Any time you request funds you have to show that what you spend them on is high priority. The questionnaires will be used to back up applications for state funds also."

Randy Herrington, president of the board of directors of the West Vigo Community Center, said his organization will use the survey to determine whether local residents would support the establishment of a senior citizens center and the development of recreational facilities in the city park.

The West Terre Haute Jaycees which received first place in the United States this last year for its youth assistance programs said the questionnaire will help determine whether citizens are in favor of expanding youth activities.

Residents are requested to return the questionnaires by April 9 to any of the drop box locations designated on their questionnaires. Residents who have problems filling out the forms may contact Randy Herrington, Ralph McFarland or John Green.

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SURVEY IN WTH — John Sedwick, right, checks with some of the volunteers who helped distribute questionnaires throughout the town of West Terre Haute Saturday to see what the residents believe should be future goals of the community. Results of the survey should be known in the next couple of weeks.

House of Photography.

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WTH Citizens Begin Drive To Clean City

West Terre Haute area residents kicked off a Clean Up Fix Up Month today at a community meeting sponsored by the West Terre Haute Business and Citizens Association.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the meeting at the West Terre Haute Community Center will offer incentive programs as well as educational material. A door prize will be given every ten minutes as representatives of the Vigo County Health Department explain what services are available to the clean up campaign.

The door prizes, all improvement materials, have been contributed to the association by West Terre Haute merchants. The grand prize, a \$100 U.S. savings bond, will be withheld until the end of May. At that time, the resident making the greatest strides toward improving his property will be judged the winner by the association, according to Mrs. Doris Jasper, association spokesman. Second prize will be a \$50 bond and third prize, a \$25 bond.

Representatives of the Vigo County Health Department will demonstrate proper trash storage, rodent control and general sanitation practices at Thursday's meeting. Nurses from the department will explain free health clinics available. Spokesmen from the vital statistics division will outline the function of that office for birth records, health certificates and death records.

Mrs. Jasper said the health department crews will work during the month of May to demolish old buildings in the West Terre Haute, Liggett, Ferguson Hill and New Goshen areas. Individuals along Paris and National Aves. have begun upgrading several buildings as part of the fix up campaign, according to her.

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West Terre Haute Chief to Remain

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West Terre Haute Police Chief Don Lark, whose resignation was reported last week to take effect not later than Monday of this week, instead withdrew that resignation to the cheers of a large crowd filling the small town building, firehouse and police station.

Described as a public meeting, but not an official meeting of the town board, it was attended by one of the three members of the board. Chairman Dallas "Tex" Day spoke in support of the police chief describing him as "sincere and hard working," and said that opposition to Lark dated back four years or more to the time Lark was chosen chief over another nominee proposed by board member Charles Cardinal.

Cardinal asserted last Friday that the meeting had not been called by the head of the board and that, while he would welcome a special meeting of the board, he would not attend unless Day made it official. He said further that no official resignation had been received from Lark and that he doubted there would be.

Terre Haute Attorney N. George Nasser appeared with Lark at Monday evening's meeting, speaking "as a lawyer and as a friend," and calling the chief "a good man, not the vindictive type of police officer, but one who will lift up those who have fallen and help them."

It was Nasser who announced the withdrawal of the intended resignation which drew cheers.

Mrs. Robert V. Richey acted as unofficial chairman of the meeting and read letters of support for Lark and listened to suggestions for further action. She noted that all three town board members had been

notified of the special meeting by registered mail. Day was in attendance and reportedly board member John E. Sutherland had earlier asked Lark to reconsider his resignation. Charles Cardinal, whose alleged "harassment" led to Lark's resignation, did not attend the meeting.

Day set Monday, Jan. 3, as the next meeting date for the town board. Mrs. Richey told the crowd, "Let this not be the last town board we attend. We have not eliminated the problem."

Lark, overwhelmed by the support of his friends and neighbors, voiced his appreciation of their confidence and pledged to serve the community to the best of his ability.

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Food Prices Keep Vaulting Upward

By ROBERT A. DOBKIN T APR 20 1973
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food prices climbed to record levels for the third straight month in March, propelling the cost of living to its highest rate of increase in 22 years, the government said today.

The Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said the cost of living jumped nine-tenths of one per cent last month, the sharpest increase since February, 1951, at the height of the Korean War inflationary period.

Taking into account normal seasonal fluctuations, the March increase was eight-tenths of one per cent, matching last February's jump which was the biggest increase in 22 years.

Prices soared for meats and poultry, and supermarket prices jumped 3.2 per cent in March. This is a rate unequalled since the bureau began computing grocery prices in 1952. Seasonally adjusted, grocery prices were up 3.1 per cent, also an all-time high.

March prices for meats, poultry and fish were up 6.9 per cent unadjusted and 6 per cent seasonally adjusted. Both were record figures.

The surge in consumer prices pushed the government's retail price index up at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 8.8 per cent for the first quarter of the year, compared to an advance of only 3.2 per cent for the final three months of 1972.

The report followed Thursday's figures from the Commerce Department on the gross national product. They showed the market value of all goods and services increased at an annual rate of 14.3 per cent during the first quarter—the largest jump since early 1965.

Both reports reflected an overheating economy with in-

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By United Press International

Portable thrones were first used in the West by Emperor Charlemagne early in the ninth century.

Grant Will Solve Liggett Problem

By EULETA TURNER
Tribune Staff Writer

Officials of the West Terre Haute Town Board, meeting in regular session early next month, will be considering initial steps for construction of a West Terre Haute Waterworks extension to the northwestern sector of Vigo County made possible by a \$101,300 grant announced Thursday in a \$209,720 grant package approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

According to Jerry Dooley, executive director of the West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD), the federal grant will begin the process for drawing of plans and specifications to construct a water line extension to the Liggett Community and surrounding areas.

The initial construction work will also include local financing of an additional \$285,000 in revenue bonds needed to complete the total project and establishment of water utility rates for future users by the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Residents of Liggett and surrounding area; which involves some 139 families in northwestern Vigo County, can now look forward to consumers with-

out the necessity of hauling in their water supply, according to Dooley.

Dooley's observation came on the heels of a Thursday announcement by the offices of U.S. Senator Birch E. Bayh (D-Ind) and U.S. Congressman John Myers (R-Ind 7th Dist.) that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had approved grants totaling \$209,720 for projects in Vigo, Clay, Sullivan and Parke counties.

The West Terre Haute rural area grant of \$101,300, was the largest of the group which also included \$60,465 for the city of Brazil; \$51,030 for the Sullivan County Park and Recreation Board; \$50,000 for the West Central Indiana Economic Development District; \$30,000 for the city of Terre Haute, and \$16,375 for the city of Rockville.

The \$101,300 West Terre Haute area grant will be used to build an extension from the West Terre Haute Water Works to the Liggett area with extensions to also serve residents of the Old Paris, Sandford, Thorpe and Myers roads. It also assures an adequate water supply for the new West Vigo Junior High School and the Kinwood, Lake Wanda and Lake

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Fuel Shortage Crisis Creeping Into Valley

By EULETA TURNER
Tribune Staff Writer

Illinois and in the nation may reach crisis proportions unless the State Highway 46 area of

held at the Saratoga Restaurant Thursday at the Indiana Court of Appeals. (Southern Services. Seated, from left, are William Smith and B. Curtis Martin. Standing, from left, are B. Curtis Martin and B. Curtis Martin. Photo.

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last year when it traveled to Corydon to hear a case.

The interest and response from the public was so great at Corydon the judges decided to conduct sessions outside Indianapolis at least two or three times a year.

Local high schools, the three area colleges and valley bar associations have all been invited to send representatives. Tilson Music Hall has a seating capacity of 1,400 and McDonald said he hopes it will be full when court begins.

The case being heard concerns alleged misrepresentation by an insurance company to the administrator of an estate.

Local attorney Hansford Mann will represent the plaintiff, while Indianapolis lawyer C. Windell Martin, former president of the Indianapolis Bar Association, a member of the Board of Managers of the Indiana State Bar Association and former President Pro Tem of the Indiana

Nixon will act at the time the bill extending his authority to control wages and prices for another year.

That authority expires April 30. Congress has all but completed action on the measure, but is in an Easter recess and will not return until April 30.

The administration won its fight on Capitol Hill against proposals to freeze all prices at their March 16 levels and direct the President to order price rollbacks.

The GNP report released Thursday showed that inflation in the first three months of the year rose at an annual rate of 6 per cent, the biggest quarterly bulge in prices since the 1973 recession, and more than double the inflation rate the administration would like to see by the end of the year.

Both Congress and the business community are clamoring for tougher government action against the inflation problem. The administration says that the federal budget and the monetary policies of the Federal Reserve Board now must play the key roles in halting the inflationary spiral.

The President is committed against another economic tactic that could slow down the economy and the rate of inflation—raising taxes.

seriously attacked last night in Illinois' 20,000 coal miners, according to the State Chamber release.

"Illinois coal producers, who produce mostly high-sulphur content coal, are singled out as being the most drastically involved in the current energy crunch. Present state environmental restrictions all but bar Illinois coal from use because reliable, fully operational sulphur removal devices are not available. Until sulphurdioxide removal equipment is tested and proven operational, the electrical energy supplies dependent upon coal" and the state's miners for its production will be affected.

Office personnel at the Terre Haute District No. 11 office of the United Mine Workers of America, 301 N. 8th St., whose district area encompasses the whole of Indiana, said several hundred Indiana miners are also affected.

There are only three underground mines presently operating in Indiana, the Mt. Pleasant Mine in southeastern Vigo County, the R&H Mine at Peetersburg and the King's Station Mine at the edge of Princeton.

VIET VETERANS GET GOODIES

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa. (AP) — "Easter Goodies" including 1,500 cupcakes and five crates of decorated eggs were fine with Vietnam war veterans and the Army's Valley Forge Hospital.

But what they really liked was the young Allentown, Pa., model decked out as an Easter bunny—Playboy style.

The treats were in a package delivered to the hospital Thursday by a 55-member volunteer women's group from Allentown.

Miss Terra Smith, 20, the bunny, made the rounds of the wards handing out Easter eggs, and was followed by six other men a sampling of the latest fashions in shorts and bikinis.

Liggett Grant

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Windemere subdivisions.

Dooley explained that annually the residents of the Liggett community have experienced lack of water in the mid-summer months and have been forced to haul in water supplies. The federal grant will mean a great savings to them in time, money and peace of mind as the imminent threat of fire has posed an ever-present problem.

"The Liggett area project was definitely the top priority situation of the four-county area, inasmuch as it involves the homes, safety and health of several hundred people," Dooley observed.

He added that, in addition to fulfilling its declared purposes, the water extension to the northwestern Vigo County rural area will open up many areas of prime rural housing development land which could also mean increased jobs and assessed valuation for the county.

The WCIEDD \$50,000 grant will be used to provide a staff from June 1 of this year through June 1, 1974, the funds only having been available after the district was certified by HUD last year as a regional planning agency for Vigo, Parke, Clay, Vermillion and Sullivan counties, Dooley explained.

The \$30,000 grant to the city of Terre Haute will permit possible additions to the WCIEDD staff to work on various city projects including the pending downtown improvements plans, housing and neighborhood land use.

The city of Brazil reportedly plans to use its \$60,465 grant under the Open Spaces program for acquisition of a 20-acre tract adjoining a 14-acre site to develop tennis courts, camp sites, shelters, landscaping,

electricity, fencing and landscaping.

Most of the HUD-approved projects had been under consideration by the federal agency for several months, following submission of final WCIEDD final applications. However, Sen. Bayh having recently applied the pressure of his office to secure approval of the Liggett water works request which had been pending for almost five years.

Long's Death Being Probed As Murder

MEXICO, Mo. (AP) — A prosecutor says he intends to talk to "every witness we can" in investigating a report that former Sen. Edward V. Long died of poisoning from a box of candy.

Audrain County prosecutor Thomas Osborne confirmed a report in today's editions of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat that a letter to authorities from Long's longtime secretary alleged he was poisoned by candy received as a gift.

Long, a Missouri Democrat who served in the U.S. Senate from 1960 until 1968, died Nov. 6 at his Brookhill Farm at Clarksville from a cause listed on his death certificate as a "cerebral vascular accident" which had "all the appearances of a stroke." He was 64.

Pike County Coroner J. O. Mudd of Bowling Green, informed of a letter to authorities from Helen Dunlop, was reported by the Globe-Democrat to have responded "that's news to me." Mudd signed the death certificate.

Miss Dunlop, an employee of Long for 26 years, did not report the candy as a possible cause of death until March 8, four months after he died, Osborne said.

Osborne said he entered the case April 10 when Pike County Prosecuting Atty. James Millan disqualified himself because he is an associate of Miss Dunlop's Bowling Green attorney, John McIlroy.

Miss Dunlop, challenged as executrix of his estate in a suit by Long's widow, wrote that Long received the box of candy four days before his death from a Clayton man neither knew, the paper said.

Miss Dunlop said she saw the open box of candy at his home the day before Long died. She added that Long appeared in good health the night of his death after the two had dinner together in nearby Louisiana.

The letter said she was summoned later that evening to Long's home, where Long told her he thought he had been poisoned by the candy.

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The WTH Questionnaire

MAR 8 1973

West Terre Haute (WTH) citizens have a golden opportunity to give their town board a sense of direction in determining how to spend tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money.

The town board, in cooperation with the West Vigo Business and Citizens Association, West Vigo Jaycees, West Terre Haute Clergy Association, is sponsoring distribution of questionnaires throughout the WTH community to give citizens an opportunity to voice their opinions about the future needs and priorities of the area.

The West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD), particularly through its planner John Sheehan, played a key role in coming up with the idea, following long conversations with the town board members about the establishment of priorities for community improvements.

At it stands now, 50 WTH volunteers will distribute questionnaires to citizens, with one questionnaire devoted to the community in general and another directed toward the town's merchants.

We think the survey is a splendid idea. We urge all citizens to cooperate by making their sentiments known via the questionnaire to their community leaders.

The citizens now get a chance to speak and be heard. We hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity.

The Way to Halt Terrorism

The failure of the international community to reach agreement on means of combatting terrorism continues to reap a bitter harvest. The brutal slaughter of two American and one Belgian diplomats at Khartoum, Sudan, is new emphasis on the urgent need to arrive at a universally effective agreement of this kind. Until this is done, more such episodes will continue to horrify the world.

The Black Septembrists who perpetrated that ghastly crime in Khartoum were of a breed of political terrorist immune to ordinary means of control. Such men are willing to risk not merely universal condemnation for their savagery, but loss of life itself. In that sense they are beyond the reach of the law, for they will act even though virtually certain of extreme punishment.

Such groups would find it all but impossible to operate, however, if they were



On the Line

(Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.)

By Bob Considine

NEW YORK—An old bon vivant friend writes, "I now venture out only one night a week in New York."

New York Magazine tells us of New Yorkers "impaled" on their fears, that seven per cent of city's population of about 8,000,000 has become

New York University's Project for Security Design in Urban Residential Areas and author of "Defensive Space" (Macmillan), writes in the current "Intellectual Digest" about the effect that the height of housing projects has on the New York crime rate:

elevators, fire and roofs are and ruled by cr New York, hastily pointed number of other crime rates. It being constantly would be

Test Well Started By WTH Authorities

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West Terre Haute
Drilling of a test well in West Terre Haute began Thursday evening as town officials tried to find a solution to the community's water problem.

The water crisis in West Terre Haute stems from an apparent contamination in the two wells that now provide the town with water. That contaminant is believed to be an aromatic compound, possibly gasoline.

Community officials were told Wednesday the contaminated wells would be condemned by the Indiana State Board of Health.

Officials immediately began an investigation into alternative water sources.

Crews from West Terre Haute and from the Vigo County Highway Department began clearing a site on the

northwest edge of the community Thursday for the drilling of a test well.

Workers had drilled about 40 feet Thursday night and were expected to drill another 60 feet before water could be extracted.

A new well would have to be pumped continuously for 48 hours before water samples could be checked for purity.

One town official said that if water samples pass the necessary tests, bids will be sought for the construction of at least one new well.

Meanwhile, West Terre Haute officials have arranged for the shipment of 8,000 lineal feet of eight-inch steel pipe that will be used to provide a temporary water supply from the Terre Haute water system.

The pipe is to be transported from Chesterton and Mount Vernon and the temporary set-up should be assembled by Tuesday.

The rental, assembly, disassembly and return of the pipe is expected to cost West Terre Haute several thousand dollars.

West Terre Haute town board members are investigating methods of obtaining emergency funds to offset expenses.

Members have worked with the West Central Indiana Economic Development District and have contacted the office of Seventh District Rep. John Myers (R-Ind.).

One city official has reportedly said the short-range and long-range solutions to the water problem could cost as much as \$100,000.

James R. Mann, clerk-treasurer for the community, said, "We are confronted with a serious problem from both human and financial standpoints. Our primary concern is to provide the residents of West Terre Haute with pure water."

The two contaminated wells, located near the center of West Terre Haute, supply about 7,500 persons with water, plus four schools and the fire department.

The exact nature of the contaminant has still not been determined, but a state official said that it was "quite possibly" gasoline.

An area service station has reportedly been losing gasoline and cannot account for the loss.

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Work Progressing On WTH Water Line

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This weekend is bringing residents of West Terre Haute closer to fresh water in the town plumbing, according to reports of "good progress" in the stringing of pipe from a Terre Haute Water Works main just west of the Wabash River Bridge to the West Terre Haute water system.

"Pretty near ready to hook up," was one report Saturday.

Jim Christman, of the WTH water department, coordinating efforts in the several projects looking toward fresh water, already had issued an advisory to town residents concerning first use of the new supply in a story Friday in The TRIBUNE.

Noting that all lines will have to be purged with chemical treatment, he said that when all is ready, all West Terre Haute system water users should let their faucets run — all of them — for at least 15 minutes before drawing water for drinking. Before that can be done, treatment of the lines will be administered for a period of time during which samples of water will be checked for purity, according to the report.

Meanwhile, two wells also are being considered as permanent sources of a new water supply to replace the existing wells which were found to have been contaminated with a sub-

stance common to petroleum products.

One of the proposed replacement wells is a newly drilled test well adjacent to the West Vigo Elementary School. The other is an existing well at the old Indiana Mushroom Corp. plant which was found to produce an enormous amount of water when the old well and pump were revitalized early this past week. First tests of samples from both wells brought favorable reports from the Indiana Board of Health.

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Wells, Pipelines

Three possible solutions to the West Terre Haute water crisis were still being investigated and developed by town officials Thursday.

West Terre Haute's water supply will shortly be condemned by the State Board of Health because of a possible contaminant that has surfaced.

Since the discovery of the water problem West Terre Haute officials have been working on several alternative solutions.

One of those possible solutions, involving the drilling of a new well on the West

Vigo Elementary School property, entered a formal state Wednesday evening as the Vigo County School Corp. was requested to consider the preparation of the necessary legal papers for the drilling of such a well on school property.

An attorney for West Terre Haute is to meet with the VCSC attorney to discuss the procedures that need to be taken.

Meanwhile, a second possible solution to the water problem depends on laboratory tests now being made in Indianapolis.

A well at the former Indiana Mushroom plant has been pumped by West Terre Haute officials and samples of the water have been taken to Indianapolis for testing. If the water is acceptable, work will begin to connect the well at the plant with the town's water supply.

The third solution, a tie-in with the Terre Haute Water Works Corp., is also being developed.

About 300 feet of pipe was laid Wednesday and work is progressing. Appropriate authority to locate the pipe, which had held up work, has now been obtained.

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WEST TERRE HAUTE Jaycees who were honored at a recent meeting included, seated from left, Dave Johnston, past president; Bill Endress, service award; Jerry Ave, president's award; Bud Rost, service; Paul Kennedy, president's award; Billie McLain, Jaycee of the month; Thomas Wheat, Jaycee of the month; standing, Jerry Neidlinger, secretary, Jaycee of the month; Gene Hunter, Jaycee of the month; Gordon Herrington, service award; Jerry Hooper, Jaycee of the month; Donald Lark, Jaycee of the month and Tom Fitzpatrick, Jaycee of the month.

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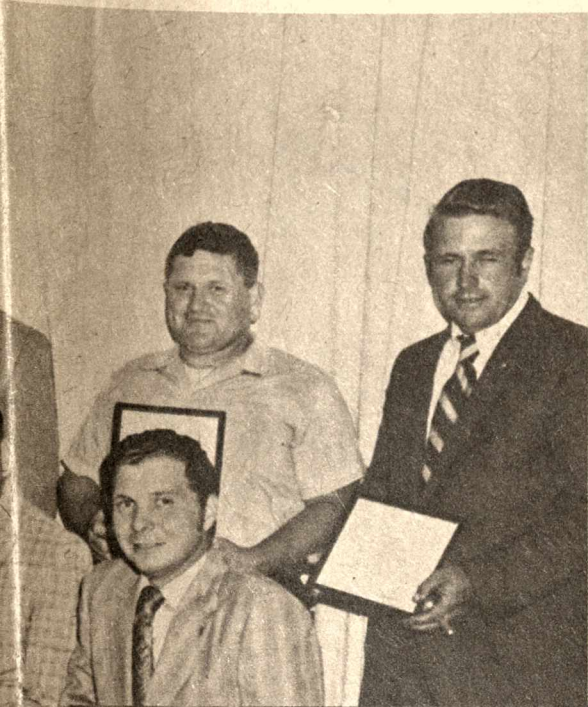


JAYCEE WIVES from West Terre Haute were installed during a recent banquet. Seated from left are Mrs. Jerry Ave, vice president; Mrs. Jonnie Hooper, president; Mrs. Gordon Herrington, secretary; standing, Mrs. Joe Tucker, R&R and publicity chairman; Mrs. John Bridgewater, publicity co-chairman and Mrs. Jerry Neidlinger, treasurer.



NEW OFFICERS—Elected to lead the West Terre Haute Jaycees for the coming year are, seated from left, Jerry Hooper, vice president; Jerry Ave, president, and Thomas Wheat, vice president; standing, Jerry Neidlinger, secretary; Joe Tucker, treasurer; Gordon Herrington, state director; Tom Fitzpatrick, state director; John Bridgewater, state director, and Sam Newport, state director.

Jaycees Members



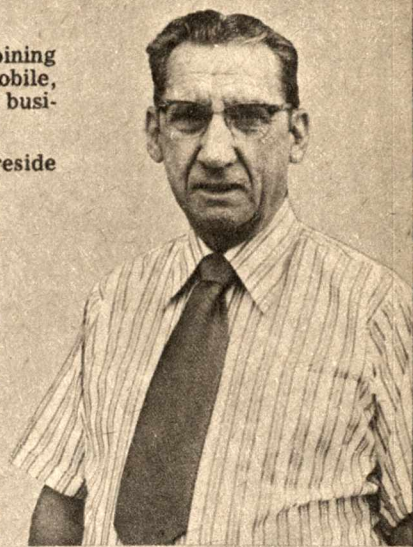
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F. Warren Collins, prior to joining the sales staff of Bowen Oldsmobile, was connected with the baking business for many years.

Warren and his wife, Sarah, reside at 1464 Walnut St. in Terre Haute. They are the parents of three children, and the grandparents of seven.

Warren is a member of Social Lodge No. 86, F&AM., Scottish Rite—Valley of Terre Haute, Zorah Shrine; United Commercial Travelers and a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

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AWARDS WINNERS—West Terre Haute Jaycees honored several members during a summer banquet. From left are Billie McLain, Spoke Award; Dave Johnston, Jaycee of the Year; and Bud Rost, outstanding committee chairman.



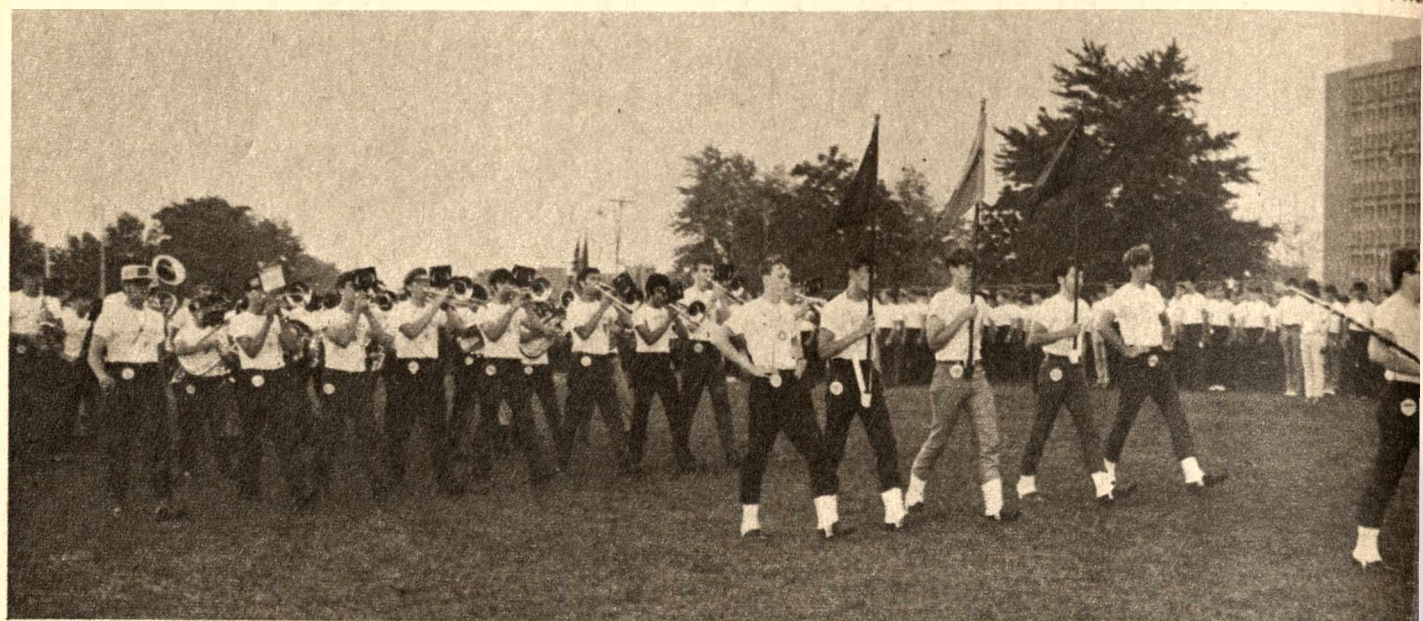
CAROL KENNEDY, left, receives the Chairman of the Year Award from Mrs. Gene Hunter, president of the West Terre Haute Jaycee Wives Club.

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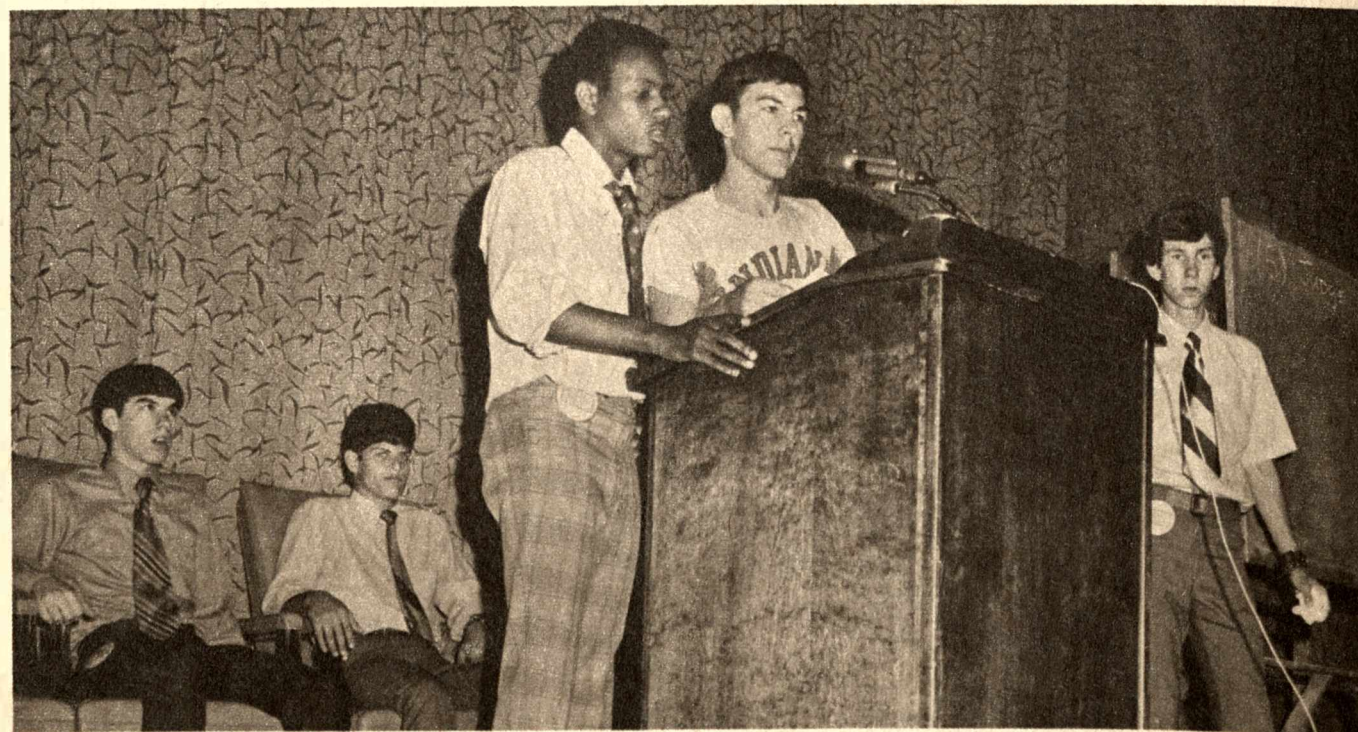
A FAMILIAR SIGHT and sound around Boys' State was the marching band. Here the musicians march onto Marks Field during the final review of delegates.



THE EDITORIAL STAFF of the "Boys' State-ment" check over the first edition before it hits the streets. Joe Dollens, editor-in-chief, seated and Claude Billings, ISU journalism adviser, guide John Collier, feature editor; Bill Small, political editor; Terry Leyenberger, sports editor, and Todd Coolman, managing editor.



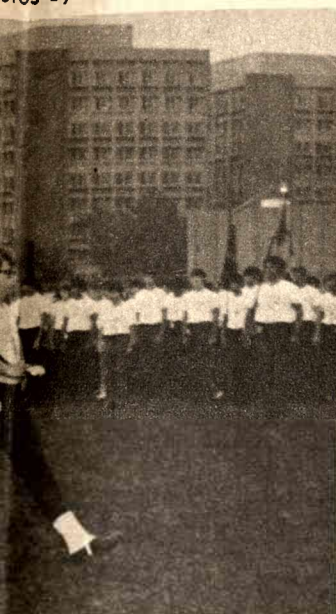
SIGNING IN — Boys' State delegates register for the week-long governmental school sponsored by the Indiana Department of the American Legion. Local Legionnaires William A. Ave, Post 40 commander; Fred W. Schwartz, adjutant; William Jackson, Indiana Dept. assistant adjutant and James Butin, Indiana Dept. Americanism chairman help the high school seniors complete the task with ease.



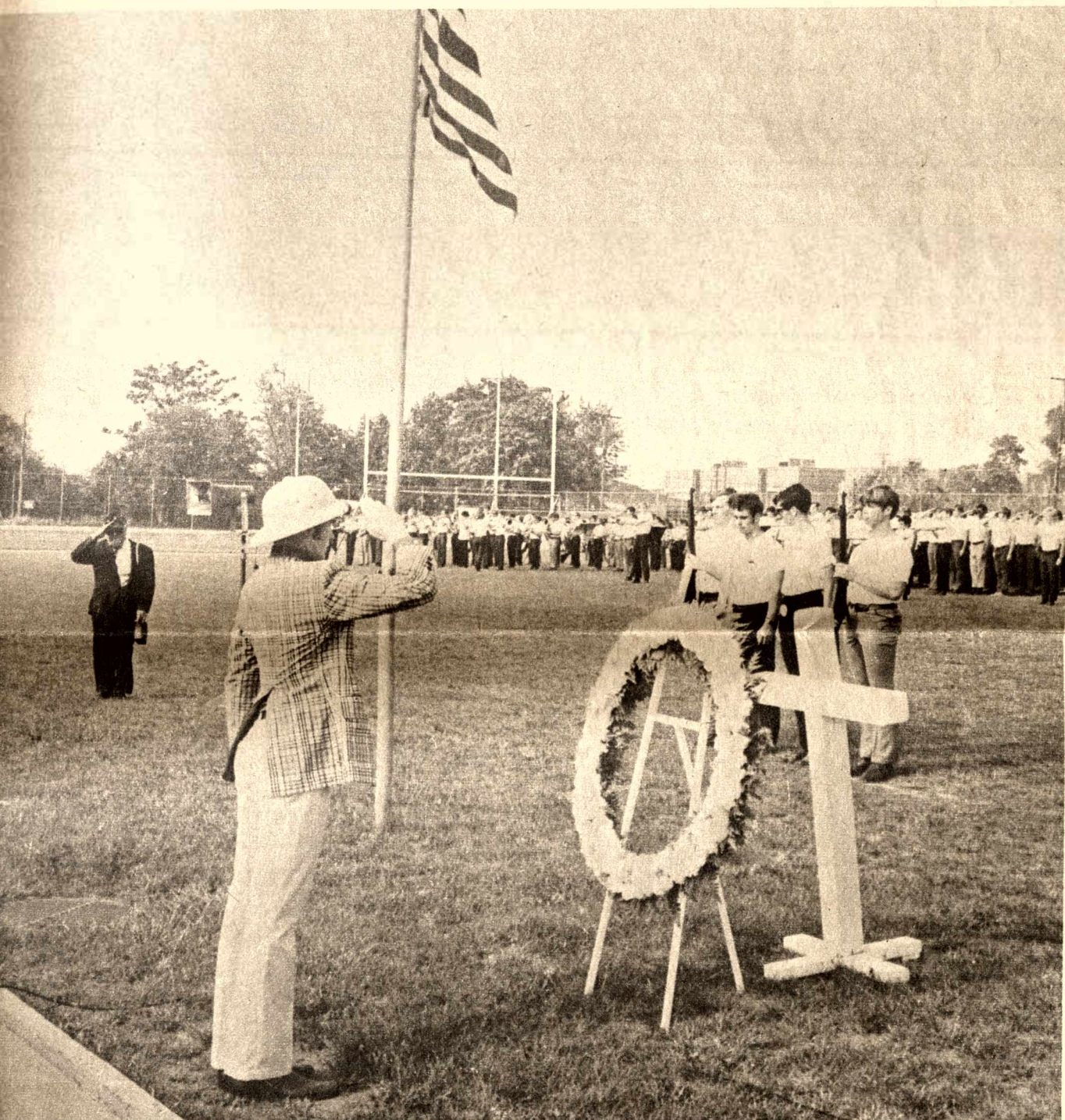
FEDERALIST STATE COMMITTEE checks tabulations before announcing the winners following Boys' State elections. From left are: Tom Edington, Bluffton, reading clerk; Richard Shadiow, Indianapolis Howe, keynote speaker; Mark Blade, Terre Haute, Federalist state chairman; Allen Ellison, parliamentarian; and Ken Amos, Anderson, tabulating clerk.

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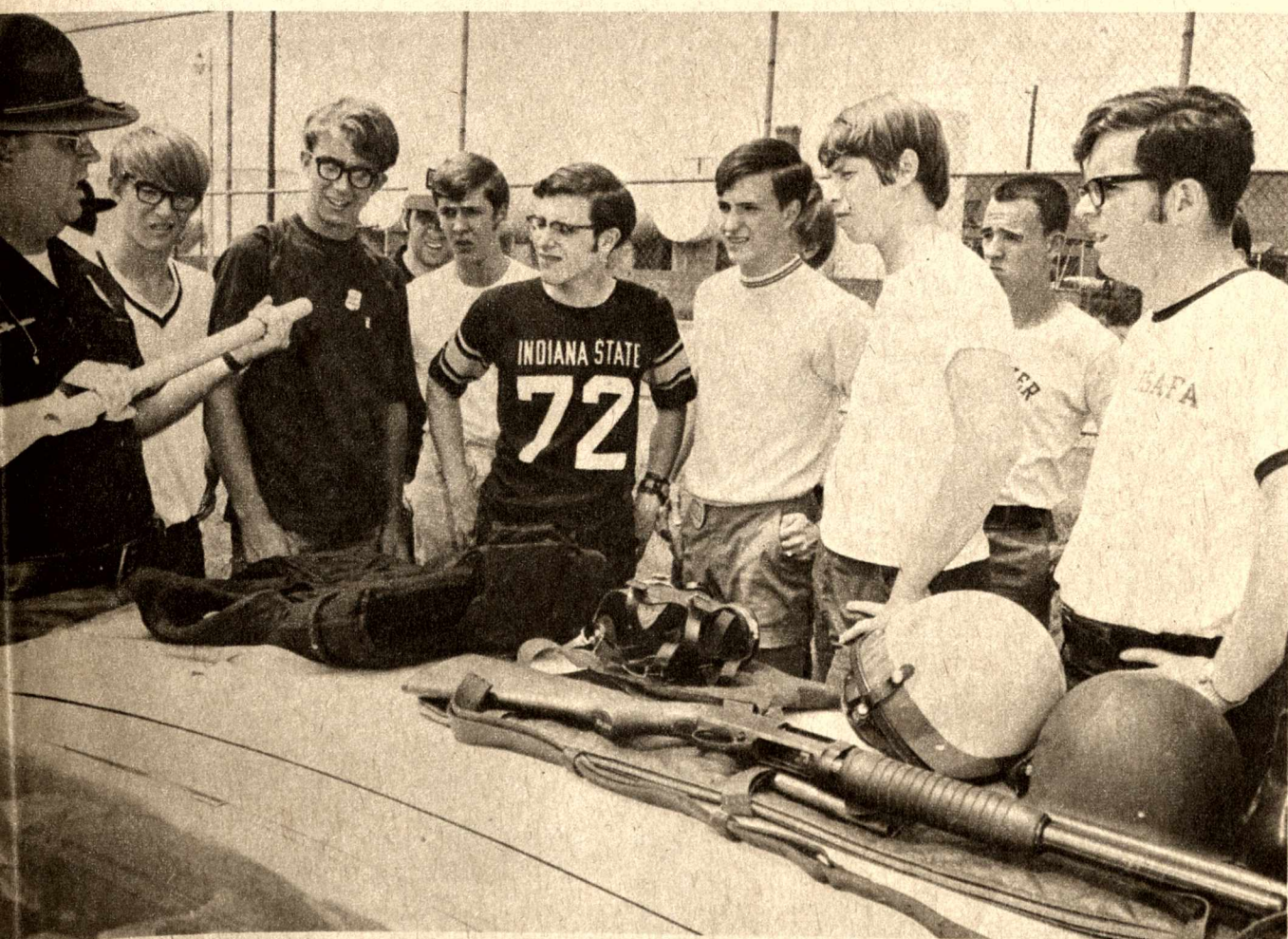
otos by Martin.



EIGHTY YEARS EXPERIENCE — Officials in charge of Boys' State activities have a combined 80 years experience with the youth program promoting good government. From left are B. W. Breedlove, director, 34 years; Forrest V. Carmichael, dean of counselors, 30 years, and Viv Simons, associate director, 16 years.



BOYS' STATE GOVERNOR Harry McNaught stands at attention after placing a memorial wreath honoring those former Boys' State delegates who have lost their lives in military conflicts.



EQUIPMENT issued by the Indiana State Police to troopers is explained to delegates by Sgt. T. R. Jack. The ISP conducted a school with Lt. Steven L. Woodworth, Ligoniere, and Sgt. John D. White, Hanover, in charge.

Officials Continue Efforts To Solve WTH Water Problems

MAR 22 1977

By JACK HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

Good news in West Terre Haute's water search was reported Tuesday with 60,000 gallons-per-hour gushing from one finished well and a good supply pumping from a test well, according to Jim Chrisman of the West Terre Haute Water Department.

Chrisman, coordinating efforts to solve the water shortage resulting from recent contamination of existing water system wells, reported that Tuesday's good news could turn even better before the end of the week.

Ironically, a new source of permanent supply from one or both of the wells currently being pumped might be established before temporary connection between the West Terre Haute water system and the Terre Haute Water Works is complete, in spite of the fact that some pipe made available by Civil Defense already is on hand and ready to be strung. The holdup of Tuesday morning was delayed approval from the State Highway Department for the stringing of the pipe along the grade between West Terre Haute and a water works tie point just west of the Wabash River Bridge on U.S. 40. We're waiting for word on that from Crawfordsville right now, Chrisman said. He noted that the temporary connection, pending arrival of additional pipe as well as the state

highway approval, could be accomplished in about a day's time.

The well washing the site with upwards of 1,000 gallons per minute, according to estimates Tuesday, is the well at the old Indiana Mushroom Corp., lying dormant for about 15 years since the operation closed.

Chrisman said the owner, Eugene Clayton of RR 16, has been cooperating with the project since last Thursday and

after efforts to revive the old pump and well, ... we've got about 12 feet of water on the tube and it's pumping terrifically. The well is about 80 feet deep with eight-inch casing served by the Fairbanks Morse surface pump already on the site, Chrisman reported.

The four-inch test well, already at 110 feet, was drilled near the West Vigo Elementary School while official arrangements concerning the possibility of its use as a permanent site for the community water supply were still incomplete. It would have to be drilled larger and cased. Both that test well and the mushroom plant well require continuous pumping for another 24 hours or so, after which tests by the state for water quality and quantity could come as early as Thursday or Friday.

Pipe from the school site connecting with the West Terre Haute water system would have to be run fewer than 600 feet. The distance to the mushroom plant is about a mile and one-half. Meanwhile, the temporary connection with the Terre Haute water supply follows a route of about 1.6 miles from the West Terre Haute water system operation at McIlroy and U.S. 40 to the Terre Haute Water Works connection near the river bridge.

Chrisman, again expressing thanks to Civil Defense and many other government and private sources for assistance, confirmed that Things are looking better than they have at any time, since the emergency began.

Meanwhile, operations continued to pinpoint the source of contamination of the West Terre Haute water system wells which are expected to be condemned by the state.

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Rain Hampers WTH Workers

Monday's continuing rainfall brought irony to the West Terre Haute scene as water from the skies — a blessing as far as many people are concerned — made for delay in efforts to obtain fresh water through the ground.

Workers completed laying pipe across the grade between West Terre Haute and a Terre Haute Water Works connection point just west of the Wabash River Bridge on U.S. 40 during the weekend.

The next step was to dig a trench along part of the route. But, the steady rain which began Sunday morning still delayed that procedure Monday, according to reports from the town water department.

Jim Chrisman of the department, said Monday, "If it hadn't been for the rain we'd already have been trenching and probably been hooked up."

As it is, he continued, "We worked at the mushroom plant in the rain until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon ... didn't want to lose our bank there ... and managed to get quite a bit trenched." He added that the hookup to the well there could come before the connection with the Terre Haute water system. "We're just around the corner from both," he said.

Chrisman added, "We're not letting the rain stop us entirely. We'll be working throughout, probably at the mushroom plant again today."

The timetable of the operation to replace wells serving the town water supply until they were found contaminated, calls for fresh water in the system by Thursday. The connection between the Terre Haute system or one of two wells being considered will come before that. But, purging of all lines, including the town water system, chemical treatment and the final clearing of that treatment with the completion of state health board tests will take some time.

The other well under consideration is a test well drilled adjacent to the West Vigo Elementary School after an earlier test well elsewhere failed to bring water needed.

Legal factors in whatever arrangements may be made with the owner of the Indiana Mushroom Corp. property, which ceased operation some years ago, and the Vigo County School Corporation also remain to be completed, according to reports Monday.

Still another aspect of legal considerations is the investigation into the cause of the contamination of the former water supply wells. Several agencies of the state health organization are reported pursuing inquiries and the town board of West Terre Haute gave its attorney the go ahead on efforts to recover damages last week. It was reported Monday that the investigation continues.

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**More Trouble
Community Affairs File
For West Terre Haute**

Weather delaying West Terre Haute efforts to lay pipe for fresh water in the town water system Monday also cut electricity during the evening.

Rain, which had interfered with trenching operations, stopped. But, then, the wind came up again and a tree fell on power lines near Ferguson Hill about 8:45 p.m., according to reports.

The good news from those reports, however, was that power was restored in about a half hour — a much shorter period of inconvenience than has pertained to the water problem resulting from contamination of the wells supplying the water system. A new water source may be in use yet this week.

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No Election This Year For West Terre Hauteans

By JACK HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

There will be no election this November in West Terre Haute where the incumbent officials will continue in office for a new term, according to a report from Clerk-Treasurer Jim Mann.

Noting that this circumstance is a first in history of the Town, Mann commented that \$3,000 ap-

propriated to finance the scheduled election will revert to the general fund working balance and may be used for another purpose.

He said the situation resulted from the fact that the Republican Party in West Terre Haute held no convention to nominate candidates for town offices and that the Democrat incumbents, re-nominated at that party's convention this summer, will remain in office, re-elected by default.

When the new four-year term commences the first of the year, Mann said, Town Board President Dallas "Tex" Day, will have completed 20 consecutive years on the board of town trustees. Town Trustee Charles Cardinal will have completed two terms, entering a third.

The third member of the board, Rene Verpleatse, was appointed about three years ago when former Trustee John Scott resigned to take his seat on the Board of Vigo County Commissioners. Thus, the town clerk-

treasurer observed, Verpleatse qualifies for seven years on the town board without having had to run for election.

Mann himself also will continue as clerk-treasurer, the report concluded.

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WTH Police

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Back On Job

Community Affairs File

WEST TERRE HAUTE.

Ind (Special)—A walkout by four of five policemen here Thursday night ended Friday afternoon when the officers returned to work after meeting with the town board.

The West Terre Haute policemen staged the walkout Thursday night because the town board would not consider requests made by the police department. The requests included additional office space for a police interrogation room and additional manpower to contend with the added workload during Halloween.

Although the town board has not honored the requests, the police went back to work Friday afternoon. A meeting between the police and the town board has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Liggett Water

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Sign-up Enters

Final Week

West T. Haute

This is the last week for residents in the area of the Liggett Water Project to sign up for service, according to Ed Roberts of RR 14, West Terre Haute, a prime mover in the project.

Roberts, who initiated the effort about six years ago, said next Monday is the deadline for subscribers to sign up and pay their tap-on fees. That may be done at the West Terre Haute Branch of the Terre Haute First National Bank, 309 National Ave.

The project represents an extension of existing West Terre Haute water service according to the report which noted that the area to be served by the extension includes homes on the Myers Road west of West Vigo High School, the Paris Road, Sandford Road, Cusick Lane and the Thorp Road, in addition to Liggett and several subdivisions.

It was noted further that the total cost of the project will be about \$600,000 and that a HUD grant of \$211,300 has been allowed with an FHA loan for the balance. But, there must be at least 200 subscriptions for the loan to be granted, Roberts said, and about half that number have signed up so far.

"It's like license plates," he observed. "Most people wait until the last week to get them and that's what they seem to be doing in connection with this. We don't want them to forget."

The project will include the erection of a 100,000-gallon elevated tank on the school property which he said is the center of the area.

Roberts added, "We started this project in 1969 and we've got this far. Don't want to lose it now!"

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Police Reach Agreement With Town Board

An apparent agreement was reached Wednesday night between members of the West Terre, Haute Police Department and the Town Board over three demands from policemen. A disagreement last week between the two groups resulted in four of five members of the police department walking off the job.

The police asked, through the Chief Don Lark, that the police be removed to a location separate from the fire department, that the men be paid when appearing in court on off days, and extra help on Halloween period.

The board agreed to move the department, that pay on off days when required to be in court was in the 1977 budget, and that volunteers would cover the Halloween period this year as there were no town funds for this purpose.

A delegation of about 25 town citizens, apparently sympathetic to police, crowded the board meeting room after walking in front of the building carrying signs.

Mrs. Betty Verpleastse, a member of the board, submitted her resignation as a board member at the meeting. There was no indication the situation involving police had anything to do with the resignation. She cited as her reasons, strain on herself and her family.

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Second Suit Filed in WTH Water Contamination

Community Affairs File

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

A class action suit was filed Wednesday in Division 2 of Vigo Superior Court by Gaston Canal Jr., 320 W. Miller Ave., West Terre Haute, as a result of contamination of the West Terre Haute water supply by gasoline seeping into it from a service station.

Named as defendants are Norman Fuller and Mae Fuller, who operate Owens Service Station, 501 W. National Ave., and the parent corporation, Clark Oil and Refining Corp.

Canal seeks damages of \$500 for each of the 1,525 customers of the West Terre Haute Water Works.

The class action suit was filed Wednesday by attorney C. Joseph Anderson shortly after the West Terre Haute Water Works had filed a \$750,000 damage suit against the Fullers and Clark Oil and Refining. The town's suit was filed by Robert L. Wright of the Berry, Wright and Shagley firm, which represents the town.

Both suits allege the defendants were negligent in the operation of the service station, which resulted in a gasoline leak from the Owens station into the town's water supply.

The entire town was without normal water supplies from March 15 until Monday. Both wells which serve the town were condemned by the State Board of Health and were closed down. A temporary main was constructed from the Terre Haute Water Works pumping station to supply the town.

The West Terre Haute Town Board is expected to operate two other wells in the future to serve the town. Both have received favorable reports from the State Board of Health on test wells. One site is adjacent to the West Vigo Elementary School and the other is at

the old Indiana Mushroom Plant.

In filing the class action suit, Anderson pointed out that the total number of persons similarly affected would make it impractical to bring them all before the court. Further, there are questions of law or fact which are common to the entire class of persons; the claims of Canal are typical of the claims of the class and prosecution of separate actions would create a risk of inconsistent adjudication and tend to be adverse to the interests of members of the class not party to the suit.

In addition to \$500 damages for each member of the class, the complaint asks court costs and attorney and accounting fees.

Plaintiffs in both suits charge the defendants in identical language with failing to make regular inspections of their gasoline tanks; failing to maintain proper maintenance of their gasoline tanks and failing to stop or correct the leakage from the gasoline tanks when they knew or should have known the tanks were losing gasoline.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 22, 1976

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NEW OFFICERS of the West Terre Haute Community Center Board were installed this week. They include, seated from left, Bill McLain, treasurer; John A. Kesler, board attorney and Chris Stultz, secretary. Standing from left, Tom McQueary, vice president; Edward White, Jim Chrisman and Bill Endress, president.

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Lark 'Says' WTH

Curfew to Be

Enforced

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In an effort to curb vandalism from Halloweeners West Terre Haute Chief of Police Don Lark said Wednesday the town's curfew will be enforced. Youngsters under the age of 18 are prohibited from being on the streets without parents or a guardian past 9 p.m.

Lark said that any youngster apprehended after the 9 p.m. curfew will be taken to the juvenile center.

The police chief said that last weekend vandals did an estimated \$3,000 damage throughout the town.

Any youngster caught damaging property will be arrested and his or her parents will be held liable. Lark added.

Work Continuing On WTH Water Supply

T APR 1 1977 Community Affairs File

By JACK HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

West Terre Haute residents probably will have fresh water in their homes and business places before the end of the weekend, according to a report from Jim Chrisman of the West Terre Haute Water Department on Friday.

Chrisman, coordinating the several efforts to replace the town wells which were found contaminated several weeks ago, was awaiting final approval from the state for the connection with the Terre Haute system through newly laid lines across the grade.

Those lines passed two tests for bacteria as of Friday morning when flushing of town mains and hydrants was planned to begin immediately.

Meanwhile, draining of the 125,000-gallon West Terre Haute water tank was already under way, to be clear before the end of the day. It will be refilled with fresh water from the new supply while other work continues. However, the new supply to the town will not have to wait for that, according to the report which noted that as soon as flushing of system mains and hydrants had been completed, and as soon as the state approved everything, the Terre Haute water could be piped directly into the system.

In this connection, Chrisman stressed again, as he has done several times in earlier reports, that residents should continue to boil any water used from the system until advised otherwise. In addition, flushing of water lines in homes and other buildings will have to be accomplished before present safety procedures are discontinued.

The process of obtaining fresh water for West Terre Haute water system customers has included major efforts in three directions, one of them the hookup to the Terre Haute Water Works presently offering hope for the quickest supply, perhaps yet this weekend, and two wells being readied as potential new sources of water.

While the connection with the Terre Haute system was under way, including chemical treatment of the new lines and subsequent tests by the state health board, work also continued at the well on the site of the Indiana Mushroom Corp. That well had been out of service for a number of years since the plant ceased operation. But, the old well and pump responded beyond expectations upon revitalization, producing tremendous quantities of water. Only the need to meet current state requirements for raising levels of the pump, the well and its discharge line delay the possibility of an agreement between the town and the owner of the plant property. And some of the work toward the state requirements has been accomplished. The well structure has been raised the required two feet and emplaced in 10 feet of concrete, Chrisman reports, only the raising of the discharge line remaining to be done.

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Plaintiffs in a suit filed in October that asks Vigo Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan to define the town boundaries of West Terre Haute for purposes of the Tuesday town election said Thursday they will file a ~~motion~~ Friday to intervene a separate lawsuit filed in another division of Superior Court.

James Bopp, who represents 27 West Terre Haute residents in a suit which seeks to prevent non-residents of West Terre Haute from voting in the town election, said Thursday night his clients have little recourse in the matter.

The suit was filed Oct. 16 in Circuit Court which is a division of Superior Court. It asked that Judge McQuillan set the boundaries for election purposes in accordance with a 1940 ordinance. Plaintiffs are identified as Republicans or residents otherwise opposed to the present town government.

On Oct. 18, a suit was filed by Bobby Virgil Richey, a resident of an area excluded from the town by the 1940 ordinance, who alleged the ordinance has never been followed, that it was never published as required by statute and that it should be declared null and void.

The suit was filed in Richey's behalf by prominent Democrat lawyer John A. Kesler in Judge Charles K. McCrory's Superior Court Division 2.

Meanwhile, Judge McQuillan had set a hearing on the original suit for Oct. 30 when he planned to return from a scheduled vacation. Before the hearing could be conducted, Judge McCrory ruled on the second case and he, in fact, declared the 1940 ordinance null and void.

Bopp had several witnesses prepared to testify at the hearing on the original suit as scheduled Tuesday; however, Judge McQuillan acceded to McCrory's ruling and continued the original case until a determination is made by a higher court.

Bopp said the only recourse his clients have is to file a motion to intervene in the second suit and, if the motion is granted, to file an appeal of McCrory's decision.

Bopp indicated the case is dead as far as Tuesday's election is concerned and it will be up to the plaintiffs to decide if they want to pursue the matter.

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Meeting Slated Monday In Controversy at WTH

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Recent controversy expressed regarding West Terre Haute Police Chief Don Lark appears headed toward some kind of a decision Monday evening.

A "public meeting" called by a resident of the town is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday at the firehouse, according to information from the police department office.

Town Board President Dallas Day said Friday that he'll attend, although he added that he had not issued a call for a meeting of the town board to the other two members.

The meeting stems from a report early this week that the police chief had or was about to submit his resignation. Later, it was said that Lark was resigning effective this Saturday and still later that he would stay on until Monday.

Meanwhile, Charles Cardinal, a member of the town board, said to the best of his knowledge Lark has not resigned.

Cardinal went on to say he would welcome a special meeting of the board. "I've tried to get a special meeting to talk with the men, but the president (Day) won't call one." Cardinal asserted, adding, "We've had only one special meeting in four years." He said that was inadequate, noting that the board has had

new members who need such an opportunity other than regular meetings to function.

John E. Sutherland is the third member of the board, named recently to fill a post vacated by resignation. He said Friday that he would welcome a meeting. "I'm just getting my feet on the ground and want to know what's what." However, he said that the Monday meeting is "... a clandestine meeting as far as I'm concerned, unless the chairman calls a meeting."

Day said he wasn't going to call the board to meet, "... but I'll be there. What else can you do when the people ask for a meeting?"

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WITH Workers Ask To Be Unionized

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Members of the West Terre Maute Town Board met Thursday night in executive session with employees to discuss unionization.

According to a source, a committee consisting of several town employees met with the board for about an hour to discuss the matter.

The employees, according to the source, want to become members of the International Laborers Union.

The town of West Terre Haute has about 18 employees in the police and fire departments and the street department and water works.

It was learned Friday morning that town employees have asked the National Labor Relations Board to conduct the elec-

tion.

It is believed that if the employees join a union they will then ask the town board to enter into a contract agreement consisting of wages and fringe benefits, along with job security.

One of the persons attending the executive session meeting said Friday the formation of a union for the employees seemed "very unusual at this time."

The next regular meeting of the town board is scheduled for Dec. 6.

Chief of Police Don Lark said Friday that one of the main issues would be the creation of a pension plan. Employees currently have no pension plan, Lark said.

All town employees are paid \$8,300 annually with department heads paid an additional \$300 each year, the police chief said.

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West Terre Haute Demos, Republicans Squabble When Scheduled Debate Fizzles

S NOV 5 1979

A debate scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the West Vigo Community Center attracted only Republican candidates who are seeking town offices.

The Republicans decided to proceed with the meeting after the Democrats had called off the debate. A representative of the West Terre Haute Democratic party announced to some area news media and West Vigo Community Center President Bill Endress that there was a "conflict of schedule," but the Republicans claim they had not been notified of the cancellation.

Don Lark, Democratic chairman, said during a telephone interview Sunday the debate was canceled because the use of a van for campaigning purposes had been arranged for Saturday by his treasurer, Pat Richey, without informing Lark. As a result, the Democrats had decided to make use of the van rather than participate in the debate.

Although the some members of the press corps and the Community Center president were informed of the cancellation, the Republican party said it was never notified. Lark, who confirmed he did not inform the Republican chairman or a representative of the party, said he told the Community Center president who was in charge of publicizing the event.

Lark said he contacted Endress Wednesday of the cancellation. However, Endress told the Star Lark had never contacted him.

"I didn't hear a word from Lark. I did receive a phone call on Friday from Pat Richey (treasurer) and she said that the debate was off," said Endress, adding before he could inform the news media of the cancellation, some television and radio stations already had received a call from a woman. Mrs. Richey was unavailable for comment Sunday evening.

Freda Speer, the Republican

chairperson, confirmed no one from the Democratic party had informed her. She discovered the cancellation as the result of a conversation Saturday morning with Endress.

Endress said he was very concerned about the debate and talked with Lark on Sunday, Oct. 28, six days before the debate.

"Lark reaffirmed the date of the debate and agreed that all the Democratic candidates would attend with the exception of Dallas Day, who might not be able to come because of business duties with his grocery store," explained Endress, who

added there were four community center board members also present when Lark reaffirmed the date.

Lark said there were several other reasons for the Democratic cancellation, including the change of location of the debate.

The Democrats originally had suggested the Town Hall as the debate site. However, the two parties agreed to have the debate on more "neutral grounds" and have it at the West Vigo Community Center, recalled Endress, who said the location was not changed after the parties agreed to have it at the community center.

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Debs
Foundation

DEBS WINNER — Honored guest at the Eugene V. Debs Foundation award and dedication ceremonies Saturday at the Debs Home was popular American folk singer Pete Seeger, the 1979 Debs Award winner. Seeger received the award because of his music was rooted in the Labor Movement.

West Terre Haute

T AUG 8 1978

Board takes no action against Lark

Community Affairs File

By ROB ALLEN
Tribune Staff Writer

In an effort to "bury the hatchet," West Terre Haute's Town Board decided not to discipline its police chief during a meeting Monday night.

Action was taken on another matter, however, when the board approved a reorganization of its structure.

A packed house listened and vocally became involved as the three-member board discussed whether to reprimand West Terre Haute Police Chief Don Lark.

Lark allegedly struck two policemen and town coordinator Jim Chrisman at an earlier meeting when a dispute reportedly arose over charges that were dismissed against a West Terre Haute youth.

A special meeting was scheduled for July 13 by Board President Dallas Day to deal with the matter, but the other two board members, John Sutherland and Charles Cardinal, didn't show up.

Monday night, confusion ensued when Sutherland made a motion to suspend Lark for one week, but then

decided to rescind his motion.

Sutherland apparently decided to "take back" his motion when it met with vocal disapproval from citizens. Calls for "burying the hatchet" and starting with a "clean slate" apparently caused Sutherland to change his mind.

However, Cardinal had seconded the motion and he refused to go along with the rescission. After consulting with town board attorney Bob Wright on what he could do next, Sutherland made a motion to "withdraw my previous motion" and Day seconded that.

Thus, Lark was not suspended.

At the same time, a petition calling for Cardinal's ouster was withdrawn by citizens and torn up — again, for the sake of "burying the hatchet," they said.

Not all in attendance were in favor of not reprimanding Lark. One citizen said the police chief's action was "intolerable" and served to make a "laughing stock of the community."

The re-organization move came after criticism from

citizens about how the town board was operating.

Several residents said each board member should be responsible for a single city department, rather than the board as a whole directing them with coordinator Chrisman. Many older citizens said the board had operated that way in the past.

After extensive discussion, Sutherland moved and Day seconded that the members "draw from a hat the department that they are going to be responsible for."

A hat was passed and Sutherland drew the water and street departments, Cardinal drew the fire department and Day ended up with the police department.

The action was met with applause from the throng.

Day concluded the town board portion of the session with a call for cooperation from town employees and citizens and a renewed commitment to "do what is best for West Terre Haute."

The town's water works board then opened its meeting and considered a presentation from citizens who have not been receiving city water.

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Public hearing 'very productive' on grant to WTH

A public hearing on the proposed 1979 Community Development Block Grant pre-application for an estimated \$1.7 million two-year comprehensive improvement program for West Terre Haute has been termed "very productive," according to Oscar Sison, director of county programs for the Terre Haute Housing Authority.

Sison told The TRIBUNE Tuesday morning about 70 persons attended Monday night's meeting at the West Terre Haute firehouse.

Another public hearing is scheduled at the firehouse for Dec. 28 at 7 p.m., Sison said.

Sison said an analysis of housing and community development conditions has been made and recommendations have been made to improve housing conditions for low-to-moderate-income residents and to revitalize neighborhoods in the community of West Terre Haute.

Sison's plan calls for a division of the town into four neighborhood strategy areas and suggested nine specific projects. They include:

Rehabilitation and improvement of the West Terre Haute Community Center at a projected cost of \$150,000.

Rehabilitation loan and grant program for approximately 40 dwelling units, \$300,000.

Rehabilitation loan and grant program for approximately five commercial buildings, \$125,000.

Acquisition, rehabilitation and/or demolition of approximately 10 vacant or substandard housing and commercial buildings, \$174,000.

Resurfacing of approximately 266,250 square feet of alleys, \$494,250.

Extensive repair and construction of approximately 71,100 square feet of sidewalks, \$92,430.

Extensive repair and construction of approximately 17,775 of curbs and gutters.

Contingency costs for repairs and construction of streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, \$69,510.

Development of a comprehensive community improvement plan and action program, \$25,000.

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Police chief appears in court

The on-again, off-again feud within the West Terre Haute Police Department is on again.

Police Chief Don Lark, the center of controversy for the past several weeks, Friday made an initial court appearance after he was charged with battery against a part-time member of the police department.

Lark appeared before Vigo Superior Court Division IV Judge Herbert Gerdink and was released on his own recognizance pending a formal hearing Aug 31.

The Vigo County Prosecutor's office late Thursday issued the warrant against Lark but it reportedly was not served because the police chief was out of town.

Lark voluntarily made the court appearance Friday morning, according to reports.

The charge against Lark stems from a town board meeting July 13 when Lark

allegedly struck two policemen and town coordinator Jim Chrisman. At that time, the two police officers went to the prosecutor's office and attempted to file battery charges against Lark.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office indicated an investigation would be conducted to determine if the alleged incident merited the issuance of any warrants.

Members of the town board, Dallas Day, president, Charles Cardinal and John Sutherland, met in special session Aug 8, in an attempt to "bury the hatchet." They decided not to discipline Lark, according to reports. Also at the meeting, a petition calling for the ouster of Cardinal was withdrawn by citizens and torn up — for the sake of starting with a "clean slate."

Contrary to some reports, Day said Saturday morning that Lark has not been suspended pending the outcome of his court trial on the battery charge.

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Citizens suggest funds used for street repairs

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Several West Terre Haute residents suggested to the Town Board Monday night that more money should be allocated from federal revenue sharing for road and street repairs, rather than for wages of policemen, firemen and vacation men.

The three-member Town Board conducted a public hearing on proposals to spend \$40,000 from revenue sharing for a police car, repairs of police and fire equipment and wages.

The board took no official action on the revenue sharing proposals following the public hearing, which was "well attended," according to reports.

Some work will be done soon on North Sixth and South

Fourth Streets, it was reported.

West Terre Haute Chief of Police Don Lark and a group of his supporters were at the meeting, but no discussion of Lark's tenure came up.

Engineers and contractors gave a progress report on the water and sewer projects following the hearing on revenue sharing. Water should be available on the outskirts of the town by December, it was reported.

The sewer project will take longer, as the area must join the Terre Haute Sanitary District.

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WTH annexed into Sanitary District

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West Terre Haute residents will find about 64¢ per \$100 assessed valuation added to their 1979 tax bills as a result of action taken by the Terre Haute Sanitary District last week. During a routine weekly meeting the THSD annexed the area. There was neither a legal advertisement nor a public hearing on the matter.

Gus Sacopulos, attorney for the Sanitary District, said a public hearing was not necessary because the West Terre Haute town board passed a resolution requesting annexation.

West Terre Haute has been advised by the federal government to improve its sewage system. Annexation to the THSD means that eventually the sewage can be disposed of at the Terre Haute Wastewater Treatment Plant. However, while Seelyville also uses the plant, that area has not been annexed to the district.

Bob Wright, attorney for the West Terre Haute town board, is reported to have said

the disposal plant operates only at 60 percent capacity so the increased load will not create a problem. However, while the plant handles 10 million gallons on a normal day and was designed to handle 20 million gallons, any storm greatly overtaxes the system. The system becomes so overburdened by rainwater that gates must be opened, adding to river pollution.

The city spent \$125,000 for Hurst-Rosche Engineers to study methods available to divert city rainwater, so the plant can stay within its capabilities.

Jim Burdick, city engineer and member of the THSD board, admits that the treatment plant is overextended when it rains. He said that the Sanitary District received a letter from the state health officials saying that West Terre Haute would not get federal funds for sewer installation unless it was annexed. Burdick says that's why he supported the motion.

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Lark Case Venued To Special Judge

SEP 2 1978
West Terre Haute Police Chief Don Lark was granted a change of venue Thursday by Judge Herbert Gerdink in Vigo Superior Court Division IV at his formal hearing.

The motion of change of venue was filed by N. George Nasser, attorney for the defendant. Lark is charged with battery against a part-time member of the WTH police department. He allegedly struck two

policemen and town coordinator Jim Chrisman at a town board meeting July 13.

Panel of judges appointed are James Crawford, Berl Miller and B. Curtis Wilkinson. The defendant has ten days in which to strike another name and the remaining judge has ten days in which to qualify.

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West Terre Haute water unit repaired

Residents of West Terre Haute had to wait until Tuesday morning to drink water from their own wells when problems in the pumping system developed while Public Service Indiana employees attempted to turn it on Monday.

The water system unit, used to push the water through the pipes, had a power shortage and the water never made it to West Terre Haute, a PSI spokesman said.

Later Monday, however, official word from PSI stated the trouble had been found and repaired.

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Town eligible for funds

By **ROB ALLEN**
Tribune Staff Writer

West Terre Haute keeps its eligibility to acquire federal funds to finance necessary sewage system improvement by becoming part of the Terre Haute Sanitary District, Robert Wright, attorney for the town of West Terre Haute, said Wednesday.

Wright said money already has been appropriated for the project, now in its third phase, but the town could have lost the money if access to a sewage treatment plant was not obtained.

He explained, "West Terre Haute was mandated by the federal government to commence a sewer project to correct alleged stream pollution violations. The only possible way to do that was to use a sewage treatment plant already in existence."

On March 6, the town board passed a resolution requesting annexation and the request was granted Monday.

"In the end, West Terre Haute had no choice," Wright said.

He also noted the sewer project will not affect sewer bills being paid by

present members of the Terre Haute Sanitary District.

A bond issue would probably be used to handle what federal funds did not cover, Wright said.

"West Terre Haute rate payers will be charged based on the amount used," he added. "It is set up in the same manner as Seelyville."

Wright noted the treatment plant currently is operating at about 60 percent capacity so no overloading problems are anticipated.

On the West Terre Haute project, Wright said surveys have been completed and the location of sewer lines is known. Letting bids is a forthcoming step, he added.

Wright said the sewer project will not affect the water contamination problem that surfaced in West Terre Haute wells last year.

He said legal action is still pending on that matter in Parke County.

The contaminated wells have not been released for consumption, Wright said, and they probably will not be.

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West Terre Haute GOP poses strong challenge

By Carl Roger Orth Sp NOV 3 1979

Legal problems beset Democratic leaders and candidates in West Terre Haute as the election draws near. Bad publicity could hurt their chances of clinging to the 25-year, one-party domination of town politics.

One of the Democratic candidates for town board was charged with three counts of criminal recklessness involving the use of a deadly weapon. In addition, at Spectator press time, a West Terre Haute policeman was consulting an attorney in regard to supposed violation of his civil rights by his superiors.

Also, rumors are flying thick here on both sides of the political fence as Democrats fight furiously to stave off a Republican upset in the Nov. 6 balloting.

It seems as if West Terre Haute is inheriting the kind of "spirited" campaign which marked so many elections in Terre Haute's past. As more Terre Haute candidates forego the slurs on opponents, the city seems to be passing on its hand-me-downs to its little brother. The rollicking race west of the Wabash River contrasts strongly with relatively quiet, gentlemanly campaigning in Terre Haute where Republicans have not mounted quite as strong a challenge.

The Republicans understood risks in staging a coup in this Democratic stronghold where crossover voting has not yet watered down strong party identification. Three of the four Republican candidates are renegades who bolted from the Democratic ranks shortly after the spring convention. In an area where a Republican is rare as a zebra, it gave weight to the theory that Democratic influence was waning.

Specifically, the object of dislike for some Democrats is not the party itself, but de facto party leader Don Lark. Lark has wielded his authority too loosely in the eyes of the renegade Democrats. He abuses that power, they say, not only as party chairman but also as police chief.

Indeed, Lark might be one of the defendants named in a lawsuit if a policeman seeks legal remedy to his situation. Jim Griffin, a WTH policeman, told The Spectator Thursday that he was advised by an attorney not to talk about the incident.

However, from various sources, The Spectator has pieced together a bare outline of what happened. Apparently one of his superiors asked Griffin how he would vote in the election. Griffin would not divulge the information. It is unclear if he was summarily dismissed or suspended. Also unconfirmed is rumor that all officers were quizzed as to their intentions to vote.

In a close race, Republicans also fear that Democrats might exploit less restrictive registration requirements in WTH. Vigo County Prosecutor Eric Abel pledged this summer to crack down on any voting abuses. Republicans accuse opponents of shipping out-of-town residents to vote at the WTH polls in the past. In order to protect against any abuses, 16 Republican supporters on Oct. 20 polled virtually every house in town.

As election day approaches, violent tempers may flare before the voters even get to the polls.

In the prosecutor's office on Oct. 20, Andrew Gauer filed an affidavit of probable cause against John Greene, one of the WTH Democratic candidates for town board. Gauer was eyewitness to an Oct. 13 incident during which Greene reportedly threatened two young men, Matt Rumble and Tom Edwardson, with a gun. When Gauer inquired what was happening, Greene pointed the gun at Gauer, according to the witness' testimony. Greene then pumped some bullets into the car belonging to the young men.

There were no injuries in the incident since Greene had forced the two young men out of the car. Greene wreaked his vengeance on the car for an as yet unknown offense. Police extracted the bullet of a .357 Magnum out of the battery in the car murder.

In an unrelated incident, ten tires on the cars of one candidate were slashed. It is unclear if the vandalism was politically inspired.

Some WTH residents are expressing dissatisfaction with Lark as an embarrassment and liability to the city. Bad publicity surrounding a 1978 fist fight between Lark and a WTH policeman sparked the unrest among citizens.

Is the WTH Democratic party in its death throes? Or will it survive this challenge? To be continued Nov. 6. . .

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West Terre Haute town

employees unionized

By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

Republicans may have won the Nov. 6 town election in West Terre Haute, but they don't take over until Jan. 1. A surprise was in store at the town board meeting Monday night, when lame duck Democrat officials approved an agreement authorizing Laborers International Union Local 204 as the sole bargaining agent for 12 town employees.

In effect, this prevents the new town administration from making new appointments to the police, fire, street and water departments, except for police and fire chief, who are not included in the bargaining unit. Several clerical positions in the water department may also be exempt.

The town board would not have the right to fire any employee without going through the grievance procedures, including arbitration, under terms of the contract.

The vote to recognize the union as the sole bargaining agent for town workers was 2-1, with Dallas "Tex" Day and Charles Cardinal voting for and John Sutherland against the proposal.

Organizing efforts conducted recently resulted in negotiation of a

contract about a week ago, sources said. Ratification by the town board came quickly, despite a request to delay the vote for 30 days, according to Michael S. Collins, town board member-elect.

Purpose of the action is "to provide protection for employees," it was stated. Earlier organizing efforts in 1976 had been resisted by both town employees and the town board.

Collins characterized the Monday night meeting as "heated at times." Cardinal, noting it was the present board's last session, said it was "not too bad, compared to some others."

"The men wanted to vote on union representation, and as far as I'm concerned, the board had to give them that privilege," Cardinal said.

The contract does not contain any 2 percent patronage clause, Cardinal said. He noted that the 1980 town budget is already set and that salary talks conducted next year would concern 1981 pay scales.

West Terre Haute is presently without a police chief or fire chief, Cardinal said. Former Chief of Police Don Lark has been on disability for the past three months, and the fire chief resigned about a month ago, according to Cardinal.

The action Monday night wasn't totally unexpected. Collins said "we were aware something was going to happen."

Several citizens were upset about the way the matter was handled, according to Collins, and considered it a "political ploy."

"It proves that the opposition was not concerned about the welfare of the town," Collins said, adding that "the people who'll have to pay will be the citizens."

Collins, James G. Withem and Jerry Lyons were elected to the town board, and Jerry Menestrina clerk-treasurer during a bitter town election which turned Democrats out of office after 24 years in power.

The new town officials and their attorney, James Bopp Jr., said they planned to study the new union contract very carefully before commenting on it.

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Hearing set Nov. 15 on WTH boundaries

By **ROB ALLEN**
Tribune Staff Writer

A hearing has been set for Thursday, Nov. 15, in Vigo Superior Court Division Two to decide whether new defendants can be added to a suit earlier ruled on in that court concerning West Terre Haute boundaries.

Attorney James Bopp Jr. filed the "petition to intervene" on behalf of his clients, 27 West Terre Haute residents, who want to appeal a decision by Judge Charles K. McCrory in that earlier suit.

Bopp, contacted Thursday morning, explained the only way his defendants can appeal McCrory's ruling is to first request that they be made defendants.

The earlier suit was filed by Bobby Virgil Richey against the West Terre Haute Town Board. In the suit Richey argued that the town's boundaries should be considered "null and void."

McCrory ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and declared the 1940 ordinance that set up the boundaries "null and void" because the ordinance was never advertised or published in

a newspaper of general circulation in Vigo County pursuant to Indiana law.

At issue was whether residents who lived in certain areas outside the boundaries set in the 1940 ordinance could vote in Tuesday's election. Richey, who lived in one of those areas and was told he could not vote, contended he had paid property taxes in West Terre Haute for the past 22 years, had received governmental services and had voted in past town elections.

Meanwhile, Bopp's clients had filed suit in Vigo Circuit Court, against the town board, to stop the board from permitting residents who lived outside the boundaries set in the 1940 ordinance from vot-

ing.

Vigo Circuit Judge Hugh McQuillan has indicated that he is bound by the ruling in the Superior Court case, Bopp said.

If McCrory grants the motion to intervene at the 11 a.m. hearing next week, Bopp said the next step would be to file for a motion to correct errors and begin the appeal process.

The group had earlier discussed filing a writ of prohibition to Indiana's Supreme Court, but Bopp said the clients must first be made a party to the suit. He added that the writ of prohibition, which, if granted, would set aside McCrory's ruling, is just one of several "possible routes" that may eventually be taken.

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West Terre Haute
**WTH boundary suit
dismissal expected**

Plaintiffs in a West Terre Haute boundary suit filed in Vigo Circuit Court last month "got the relief they were asking for," according to their attorney James Bopp Jr., and intend to file a motion Thursday to dismiss the case.

Bopp said he would also withdraw a motion to intervene in another suit stemming from the boundary dispute that had been filed in Vigo Superior Court Division 2.

"The plaintiffs got what they wanted — that non-residents of West Terre Haute not be permitted to vote in the Nov. 6 town election and that a determination be made of who lives in town and who doesn't," Bopp said.

The plaintiffs had considered appealing a decision handed down by Judge Charles K. McCrory that a 1940 town ordinance that set town boundaries was "null and void" because it was never advertised or published in a newspaper of general circulation in Vigo County pursuant to Indiana law.

The only way his 27 clients could appeal the McCrory ruling was to first request that they be made defendants in the Division 2 suit.

After a meeting Wednesday night, Bopp said the decision of the group was to file the motion to dismiss the Circuit Court suit and withdraw the motion in the Division 2 case.

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West Terre Haute **GOP denies connection with campaign flyer**

Nov 6 1979

A flyer proclaiming "The Republican Candidates Pledge" in West Terre Haute aroused more controversy in a heated campaign for town offices Monday.

Republican candidates denied any connection to the flyer during a hastily called news conference Monday afternoon. The flyer had been distributed sometime late Sunday or early Monday and was placed on the windshields of autos in West Terre Haute.

"This flyer is a fraud and we, the Republican candidates for town board of West Terre Haute, disavow it," said Jerry Menestrina, one of those candidates, in a prepared statement Monday. "Each and every statement in the flyer is false and does not represent our views."

While the Republicans accused their Democrat counterparts of planting the flyers in "another case of dirty politics."

Democrat chairman Don Lark denied his party had any role in the flyer's printing or distribution. "I know the Democrat Party did not put it out or have nothing to do with it. They're just trying to make it look that way."

Republican candidates filed a complaint with the West Terre Haute police department and announced their intention to seek the prosecution of any persons involved with the flyer. Indiana statutes forbid distribution of anonymous campaign statements.

Among the "pledges" listed on the flyer were "promises" to "rid our town of house trailers and mobile homes," "discharge town employees and accept applications for these jobs," "hire at least three negroes in order to comply with the county average," "do away with parking on National Avenue" and establish "a housing project" in

West Terre Haute.

Attending the meeting Monday were candidates Jim Withem, First Ward candidate; Mike Collins, Second Ward candidate; Jerry Lyons, Third Ward candidate; and Menestrina.

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West Terre Haute Republicans End 24-Year Trustee Drought

By M.W. RUSSELL
Star Staff Writer

Twenty-four years of Democratic domination came to an abrupt halt Tuesday night as Republican candidates swept into power in the West Terre Haute Town Board.

Nearly 80 percent of the town's estimated 1,700 eligible voters turned out in spite of dropping temperatures and bitter winds to elect the Republican ticket of James G. Withem, Michael S. Collins and Jerry W. Lyon to the board and Jerry Menestrina to the office of clerk-treasurer.

In the race for town trustee from the First Ward, Withem captured 57 percent of the vote, defeating Paul Murphy by a 773-583 count.

Collins garnered 57 percent of the vote as well, defeating Dallas Day,

772-581, in the contest in the Second Ward.

Lyon led the Republican ticket in his victory over John Green in the Third Ward. Lyon drew 58.5 percent of the vote in toppling Green, 789-558.

Menestrina pulled in 57 percent of the votes in the race for clerk-treasurer, defeating Effie Miller, 777-582.

The victory by the Republicans, said Withem at a celebration after the triumph, will mean management and leadership for West Terre Haute which has been lacking under the current Democratic administration.

"It's a big step forward for the people of West Terre Haute," said Withem. Withem was also a part of the victorious Republican ticket in

1954, the last time the Democrats tasted defeat at the polls.

"We'll be taking applications from any and all citizens of West Terre Haute," Withem said. He stressed the most qualified person would be chosen regardless of party affiliation.

"We made no promises," Withem said, "so we're not obligated to anyone for anything."

All three trustees-elect were firm, however, in their decision to remove Don Lark as chief of police.

If the Republican victory was a surprise for many West Terre Haute residents, the margin of victory must have been even more surprising. Each Republican candidate not only won approximately 57 percent of the vote, but captured the percentage throughout the town. Percentages

varied little from the two precincts as the 56-58 percent victory was constant in both E and F. Withem, Lyon and Menestrina ran stronger in E than F while Collins' strength was reversed.

At Riley, Dave Everhart defeated Harold "Chief" Rapp for trustee in the Third Ward, the only contested race for town board. Running unopposed were George Brown and Alfred Myers.

The Seelyville Democratic ticket was unopposed. Returned to office were Carl Altman, William Stringer and Don Davis as trustees and Ruth Hendrix as clerk-treasurer.

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Republicans shock *West Terre Haute* WTH Democrats

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By MARTIN JASICKI
Tribune Staff Writer

For the first time in 24 years, West Terre Haute voters elected Republican candidates to four town offices, breaking a trend that has kept Democrats in power since 1954.

The Republican ticket of James G. Withem, Michael S. Collins, Jerry Lyons and Jerry Menestrina all won, sweeping their Democratic opponents in surprisingly one-sided contests under a heavy voter turnout.

In other area elections, David Everhart defeated Harold Rapp for the Third Ward township trustee race in Riley. Other offices in Riley and Seelyville remained uncontested.

The official results in the West Terre Haute election, indicate near-identical margins of victory for the Republican candidates in the four races. In the race for town trustee of

the First Ward, Withem defeated Paul Murphy, 773-583, a 57 percent margin of victory.

In the Second Ward, Collins also took 57 percent of the votes, defeating Dallas Day, 772-581. The Third Ward Republican candidate, Lyons, drew 58.5 percent of the vote in defeating incumbent, John Green, 789-558.

The race for clerk-treasurer was won by Menestrina, who earned 57 percent of the votes, defeating Effie Miller, 777-582.

Ms. Miller, who is currently Vigo County's chief deputy county assessor, said the Republican sweep was significant since that party comprises only about 25 percent of the votes in West Terre Haute.

"The Democrats outnumber the Republicans four to one in this town," she said, "and that has been why we've controlled elected offices the past 24 years.

"Tuesday's results were obviously caused by a turnover of dissatisfied Democratic voters who went Republican this year."

In the election, 80 percent of the town's estimated 1,700 eligible voters took part in the voting process.

Lyons, who won the Third Ward race, said he was surprised the election was not closer.

"We didn't know how close it would be until results from the first precinct indicated a big Republican showing," he said. "From then on, it was never close."

Lyons said he thinks the voter turnaround was a result of the Republican party's campaign, which, he said, "emphasized better leadership in the community, offering the people a square deal, and not resorting to backstabbing."

He added, "... We intend to get the town board working with the town marshal. Before, it seemed just the marshal and democratic chairman were in control. There has to be a board."

In Riley, Everhart defeated Rapp, 56-21, in the Third Ward, the only contested race for town board. Running unopposed were George Brown and Alfred Myers. Candidates were nominated by petition and without any party designation.

It was the first election in Riley in approximately 20 years.

No election was conducted in Seelyville as four Democratic candidates (all incumbents) were unopposed. They are Carl Altman, William Stringer and Don Davis as trustees and Ruth Hendrix as clerk treasurer.

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On Strike
5 OCT 15 1976

Four members of the West Terre Haute Police Department followed Chief Don Lark in walking off their jobs about 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

One patrolman remained on duty, according to Chief Lark.

The chief reported to The Star that the department was unable to get along with the West Terre Haute Town Board in several areas.

He indicated the uniforms for the past year had not been paid for by the board, apparently per a prior agreement; that the department was unable to get additional help during this high vandalism period around Halloween; that patrols were being made in personal cars and mileage wasn't being paid; that upwards of \$3,000 damage was caused by vandals during the past week; and there was no privacy in the police and fire department facilities. (The two are housed in one building and office.)

Mrs. Betty L. Verpleatse, a member of the Town Board, told The Star she was called to headquarters when the police reported they were walking off their jobs. She indicated the only reason given in a rather heated discussion was "working conditions" with no specifics.

She further said the men were fully aware of the town budget and the funds available for various operations of the department. The Board alerted the Vigo County Sheriff's Department to supplement patrols normally made by the department.

Although no meeting between the Board and policemen has been scheduled, efforts will be made Friday to resolve the problem, according to Mrs. Verpleatse.

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WTH water rate increase approved by PSC

INDIANAPOLIS (Special) — The Public Service Commission approved rate increases for four water utilities Tuesday, including a 40 per cent hike for West Terre Haute Municipal Waterworks.

Two of the other rate increases in the state were for 100 per cent or more.

In addition, Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO) won permission to raise rates to pay for supplemental gas supplies. And the Erie Western Railway Co. was named to operate a 152-mile railway segment from Hammond to Decatur.

The PSC approved a 40 per cent rate increase for West Terre Haute Municipal Waterworks to finance new wells and improvements totalling \$608,550.

The minimum monthly charge for customers living within the town limits will go from \$1.50 to \$2.10. Those living outside the town limits will pay \$5.60 a month instead of \$4.

The new rates will generate an additional \$41,105 in annual revenue.

Rising Sun Municipal Waterworks, received a 136 per cent rate increase to finance improvements. The utility, which had sought a 195 per cent increase, will raise more than \$66,000 in additional annual revenues. The minimum monthly

charge for a residential customer will go from \$2.30 to \$5.43. A customer using 4,000 gallons of water a month has been paying \$2.70. His bill now will be \$6.37.

The commission approved a 100 per cent rate increase for the Reynolds Municipal Water Utility, which will generate \$7,990 in additional annual revenues. The minimum monthly charge for customers living within the town limits will go from \$2.25 to \$4.50; customers

living outside the town limits will pay \$6 instead of \$3.

LaPorte Municipal Water Department won a 50 per cent rate increase, but it will not go into effect until the city complies with a 1967 commission order. It requires the city to give the PSC an itemized statement of the use of all funds received from the sale of revenue bonds authorized by the commission in 1967. The new rates will raise the minimum residential monthly charge

from \$1.62 to \$2.43. For customers billed on a quarterly basis, the rates will go from \$4.86 to \$7.29.

NIPSCO had sought permission to establish a charge known as a supplemental tracking factor to cover additional costs of buying fuel from Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. from Nov. 21 to Jan. 19. The residential heating customer who uses 250,000 cubic feet of gas per month will pay an additional 73 cents. Customers who do not

heat with gas but use 100,000 cubic feet of gas per month will pay an additional 29 cents.

The PSC gave Erie Western Railway permission to operate the Hammond-to-Decatur rail line, which had been run by ConRail. Erie Western estimates that it will lose \$128,019 during the first year, but the loss will be recovered through a federal rail subsidy.

The rail line is part of the bankrupt Erie Lackawanna rail system.

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Town Requests Pipe Permit

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The town of West Terre Haute is seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to install a force main across the Wabash River to transport sewage from West Terre Haute to the sewage treatment plant at Terre Haute.

Application for the permit under Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 was made by Clyde Williams and Associates of Indianapolis.

Sewer lines are to be installed in West Terre Haute to eliminate individual septic tank systems, and, as West Terre Haute has no sewage treatment facilities, a 10-inch force main is proposed to carry the waste to the Terre Haute treatment facility.

Permits must also be issued by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, and the water quality certification from the Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board.

W N Whitlock, chief, Operations Division, Louisville District, Corps of Engineers, said that no permit will be granted unless its issuance is found in the public interest. Written statements will be received in his office until July 18. If a public hearing is requested by a person who may be adversely affected, that request must be submitted in writing within 30 days from June 16.

Preliminary determinations by the Corps indicate that an environmental impact statement will not be prepared unless warranted by later developments. The National Register of Historic Places has determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be affected by the proposed work.

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West Terre Haute
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Outlook Survey
Findings Told

JUN 5 1973
 By CAROLYN TOOPS
 Tribune Staff Writer

The West Terre Haute Town Board met Monday night at the West Terre Haute Fire House to receive results of the West Terre Haute Community Outlook Survey (COS) conducted recently.

The three-member board then authorized the West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD) to begin preparing another report of suggested solutions to the problems noted by householders and businessmen responding to the survey. Members are Dallas Day, president; Charles Cardinal, and Rene Verpleatse.

The project, begun in September, 1972, has been a cooperative effort, with the Town Board, the West Vigo Citizen and Business Association, West Vigo Jaycees, West Terre Haute Clergy Association and the WCIEDD taking part.

John Scott, a former president of the West Terre Haute Town Board, now a Vigo County Commissioner, originated the idea of a survey and was one of the leaders in the effort to carry out the ambitious project.

The findings reveal what West Terre Hauteans think about their community needs and problems — the good points, less desirable points and constructive suggestions for each of the neighborhoods, along with recommendations for improvements and priorities.

The purpose was to provide the Town Board with a rationale

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and factual account of the attitudes of their constituents concerning community affairs and neighborhood needs.

The survey can be used in several ways—to help the board make sound, responsible and fair decisions, to provide information that may assist West Terre Haute in acquiring state and federal funds and to help conserve local tax dollars, and to provide a common set of objectives to help the Town Board and local organizations to maintain and improve the community.

John Sheehan, staff planner with the WCIEDD, noted that the response was "very good" with about 400 returns from a total of 900. One out of every three households responded (total of 350) and about 50 merchants.

The questionnaire survey was conducted during April, 1973, with questionnaires hand-delivered, on a neighborhood

basis, to each residence in each of the eight designated neighborhood districts. Return boxes were placed at 15 locations. After the returns were collected, they were tabulated by neighborhood and later analyzed.

Seven of the areas were primarily residential; the other, Neighborhood H, contained many businesses. Questions were asked of businessmen about what five points they liked about having a business in West Terre Haute, and what five points they disliked. They were also asked to evaluate community facilities in their respective commercial areas on a good, fair or poor and priority rating.

The report listed results by individual neighborhood, along with a composite of responses from seven residential neighborhoods.

A sampling of the summary follows:

What five things do you like most about your neighborhood? Residential, quiet, concerned and nice neighbors, 86 per cent; location, 40 per cent; streets in good condition, 23 per cent. A total of 10 items was given.

What five things do you dis-

like about your neighborhood? Deteriorating property creating eyesores, 68 per cent; streets, sidewalks, curbs, etc. needing repairs and cleaning, 64 per cent; tractor sales should be cleaned up, 60 per cent; dogs running loose, 51 per cent. A total of 18 different "dislikes" was reported.

Community services were rated by resident and included outdoor, recreation, streets, fire and police service, trash and garbage pickup, curbs, sidewalks, weed control, schools, shopping facilities, bus service, water and sewage.

Another question concerned parking and whether or not there was a problem. Residents also had a chance to state their views on how revenue sharing funds should be spent.

Comments from the neighborhood summary included: more police protection and town board enforcement of zoning laws, 75 per cent; streets and alleys improved and more stop lights, 19 per cent; general clean-up, 19 per cent; parking is a problem—beer trucks, 13 per cent; taxes too high, 11 per cent; use of community center to full extent, 8 per cent.

Also noted were: pick up stray

animals, better drainage, senior citizens program, noise, need department stores, license branch in WTH, great place to raise kids, need new industry and a 9 p.m. curfew.

Businessmen's comments included: better law enforcement, put able-bodied people on welfare working cleaning up the community; WTH needs industry; high taxes without benefit to local citizenry; better traffic control at S. 7th St. and W. National Ave.; brightly colored trash barrels in downtown area, and police and fire stations need soap and water and paint.

West Terre Haute GOP pulls upset

Republicans take control of town government

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By Steve Menestrina

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On Nov. 7 four West Terre Haute men did the political equivalent of a man walking on the moon. It was said to be impossible for anyone running as a Republican to be elected in West Terre Haute. But the four men, Independents Jerry Lyon, Jerry Menestrina, Mike Collins and Republican James Withem, ran on the Republican slate and won.

The last Republicans to be elected in West Terre Haute were elected in 1952. James Withem was a member of that 1952 group. Candidates Jerry Lyons and Mike Collins were in junior high school then. The last Republican win was literally a lifetime away for Jerry Menestrina, not yet born.

The idea of a Republican challenge to the powerful Democratic machine began in the summer. After the Democratic nominating convention, in which a pre-chosen slate of candidates was rushed in over a number of objections, angry Democrats and Independents began to meet to determine if it was possible to defeat the Democratic machine. Over several weeks they determined that a majority of voters would support an independent effort against the ruling clique of Democrats.

This as yet unnamed group was very reluctant to run as Republicans because of a generations-old image in West Terre Haute of Republicans being the party of the rich and the privileged. The decision to run as Republicans came after the county Republican party promised financial support and campaign aid. The group was also promised near total independence from the county Republican Party.

Republican Party Chairman Don Nattkemper said, "We'll be happy to help those people out when they ask for it. But mostly they're going to run it by themselves. They know the special needs of West Terre Haute much better than we do. It's really an independent effort running on the Republican ticket."

Before the Republican nominating convention four men were picked by the new group as the best possible ticket to win in West Terre Haute. James Withem was chosen for this pre-

vious experience as a board member and his lifelong support of the Republican party. Mike Collins for being a vital force within the new group and his organizational skills. Jerry Lyons and Jerry Menestrina for their local name recognition value and their personalities which could translate into a campaigning asset.

At The Republican Convention, after open discussion, the four were selected as candidates. The convention was covered by the media and this coverage gave the group a solid start.

At that time Mike Collins said, "We're really going to have to work. I figure we're 300 votes behind before the polls open. If all the decent people in West Terre Haute come out, we'll win. If not, the Democrats will."

His estimate of 300 votes is the number Collins believed the Democrats commanded no matter who the Democratic candidate was. Three hundred votes in an election where approximately 1600 were eligible to vote was a great advantage. Strangely, a person does not need to be registered to vote in a West Terre Haute town election. The person only has to claim to be a resident of the town. This non-registration system has led to alleged abuses of the election process. If elected the Republicans pledged to enact an ordinance requiring voter registration for all town elections.

Every weekend for the ten weeks previous to Nov. 7 the four Republicans campaigned in the town. Jerry Menestrina said, "I believe we went to every home in West T and talked to the people. In many places we were there two or three times."

The Republican strategy was, "It's time for a change." They attacked the condition of the streets, quality of town services, and the integrity of previous town administrations. During this time numerous slanderous rumors were started against both Republican and Democratic candidates. Various candidates or their families were linked to theft, violence, rape, insanity, wife beating, illegal drug use and sales, illiteracy, illegitimacy and others.

In October, Republican candidate Jerry Lyons had a total of ten tires slashed. There were no other reports of vandalism that night in Lyon's neighborhood. Republican candidate Jerry Menestrina had rocks thrown at his apartment and moved into his parents' home until the election was over. There were also vague rumors of beatings or murder awaiting the Republican candidates should they win. These rumors are impossible to track to their original source.

On Oct. 13, Democratic candidate John Green, West Terre Haute businessman, was alleged to have been involved in an incident in which three young people attending a neighborhood party were threatened by Green with a .357 magnum revolver. Green was later arrested and charged with three counts of criminal recklessness involving use of a deadly weapon. No trial date is set at this time.

Throughout the campaign the Republicans had challenged the Democrats to a debate. One week before the election the Democrats accepted. The debate was to be on the Saturday prior to the election. On that Saturday the Republican candidates and the news media arrived but found no Democrats. The Democrats had apparently attempted to cancel the debate the previous night. The Republicans made full publicity use of the Democrats non-appearance.

This non-appearance was seen by many in West Terre Haute as "backing down" or "running scared." In a town concerned with expressions of masculinity, even false masculinity, backing down is seen as a cowardly act.

During the Sunday night and Monday morning prior to the election a political flyer, soon called "the nigger letter" locally, was placed on scores of cars in West Terre Haute. This flyer, falsely titled "THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES' PLEDGE," contained six political statements about the town of West Terre Haute.

The two most inflammatory paragraphs were, "... WE WILL HIRE AT LEAST THREE NEGROES ..." "... WE WILL PUT A HOUSING PROJECT ... TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THOSE MINORITY GROUPS IN THE COUNTY."

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THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES PLEDGE

We promise to rid our town of all house trailers and mobile homes, and further to ban the existence of trailer parks within the town limits. We also pledge to have all sub-standard houses condemned and torn down.

We will discharge all town employees and accept applications for these jobs. We will hire at least three negroes in order to comply with the county average, as indicated by federal standards.

We will do away with all parking along National Avenue in order to make our town more like a residential subdivision. There will be no on street parking in the town between the hours from 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. daily.

We will attempt to have the Little League ball park moved farther away from our finest homes, thus making this area a more pleasant place for the residents of this neighborhood.

We will put a housing project in the area vacated by the ball park. This will allow us to serve the needs of those minority groups in the county.

We will enforce the boundaries as established by the Republican town board of 1940.

Jerry Menestrina

James Withem

Jerry Lyon

Mike Collins

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The flyer went on to claim that all house trailers would be moved and all substandard housing would be torn down. But in a racist town like West Terre Haute where many persons still refer to black Americans with epithets, to be connected to blacks is political death.

One of the Republican candidates said, "It's bad enough having to run as Republicans but now they're trying to link us with the (blacks)."

During a quickly-called press conference, the Republicans refuted the flyer and gained further positive publicity for their slate. TV news of the flyer reached more West Terre Haute homes than the false flyers did.

The Republicans believe they have identified the persons passing out the flyers. Distributing false campaign literature is a misdemeanor under Indiana law. Should a person be charged and convicted of the offense he could be fined or be given a prison sentence.

Election day was overcast and cold. Poor weather normally discourages a high turn out. But in West Terre Haute over 1300 persons voted. The turn out was huge with almost 80 per cent of those eligible to vote doing so.

With only two polling places it was simple for the candidates to watch their opponents. Voting went smoothly with only a few verbal incidents to mar the procedure. Several challenges were issued to "go to the levee" a traditional area for fighting. No combatants had reached the levee by late Tuesday night.

A typical incident went like this: A Republican candidate at about 5:25 p.m. went up to a Democratic worker who had been transporting voters to the polls. The candidate chewed-out the man for having had an argument earlier with the Candidate's mother. After considerable profanity and threats the two separated, each convinced the other was a fool and a coward.

By 6:40 the Republicans knew they had won. Jerry Lyon led the ticket, winning by 231 votes over his opponent. Jerry Menestrina won by 195, Mike Collins by 191 and James Withem by 190.

Later it was said, "We gave the decent people of this town a choice and they took it. The decent people won their town back."

The winning results were called into the Lidster headquarters. A woman answered and after hearing the results commented, "I hope it rubs off on us."

At Chalos headquarters when the Chalos Democrats heard of the West Terre Haute Republicans victory many people were pleased. They too had gone against a tough, corrupt Democratic machine and had won. Councilman Bill Jarvis said, "They (the West Terre Haute Democrats) brought this on themselves. People won't put up with that kind of politician any more."

With the election past, the families of the Republican winners are relieved that the work and the tension is over. But some fear remains that harassment, vandalism or violence may be directed against the winners or their families. In a town where going "to the levee" is a tradition, political revenge seems possible.

For one day four West Terre Haute men did the politically impossible. They walked on an alien planet, a Republican West Terre Haute, and the whole town was amazed.

WTH Water *West Terre Haute* Works Will S APR 6 1977 File Suit

By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

A \$750,000 damage suit against a West Terre Haute service station and its parent company is expected to be filed Wednesday in a Vigo County Superior Court by the West Terre Haute Water Works.

The complaint for damages is to be filed against Norman and Mae Fuller, operators of Owens Oil Service Station, 501 West National Ave., West Terre Haute, and Clark Oil & Refining Corporation.

According to Robert L. Wright, attorney for the West Terre Haute Water Works, the suit seeks to recover expenses incurred when the two town wells were condemned because of contamination and for imposing costs of emergency labor, pipe and land.

The suit contends the defendants were negligent and careless in permitting gasoline to leak from service station tanks into the town's principal water supply.

Residents of West Terre Haute learned March 15 the town's two wells had been condemned by the Indiana State Board of Health. Health officials, after receiving numerous complaints about the taste and odor of West Terre Haute water, tested the water and revealed gasoline had contaminated the town's water system. The two wells, built in 1915 and 1930, were ordered to be sealed, hence a new water source needed be developed.

At a public hearing, Mrs. Fuller told members of the West Terre Haute Town Board that approximately 13 gallons of gasoline per day had not been accounted for during the last three months and said her station's gasoline tanks might be the source of the gasoline leak. Mrs. Fuller said she had contacted Clark Oil Company about the possibility of a gasoline leak, however company officials were hesitant to remedy the problem.

During the last few weeks, town board members have worked on short-range and long-range solutions to the water crisis. The short-range solution was completed this past weekend when water was pumped through a temporary water line from Terre Haute to West Terre Haute.

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WTH Taking Action To Aid Water Supply

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By WAYNE PERRY
Tribune Staff Writer

A test well was expected to be drilled in West Terre Haute Thursday in an attempt by town officials to solve a water crisis now facing the community.

West Terre Haute officials were informed Wednesday that the wells now being used for the town's water supply will be condemned by the Indiana State Board of Health because of the apparent presence of a contaminant.

Officials say that contaminant appears to be an aromatic compound, possibly gasoline.

Water in West Terre Haute is safe for drinking only after boiling and, according to officials, should not be used for domestic animals. In addition, exposure to the water in lengthy showers might lead to eye irritations.

Robert Hilton, Division of Sanitary Engineering, State Board of Health, said Wednesday the community had two alternatives—establishing a connection so that water could be piped from Terre Haute or drilling new wells some distance from the current ones.

Jim Chrisman, West Terre Haute coordinator of town affairs, told The TRIBUNE Thursday that both alternatives are being fully investigated.

"The county is helping us clear a new test well site this morning and there is a possibility of getting the test well drilled today," Chrisman said.

He added that after the drilling is completed the well would have to be pumped continuously for 48 hours before water samples could be taken.

Those samples would be tested for purity and a determination would be made as to whether the water would be acceptable to furnish the entire community.

The site being cleared is on the northwest corner of the town.

Meanwhile, Chrisman says town of-

officials believe they have located the pipe that would be required if a hook-up is made with the Terre Haute Water Works Corp.

Officials said Wednesday that one and one-half to two miles of pipe would be required and that locating that pipe might be difficult.

Chrisman said Thursday, however, that the town was "looking into pipe found in Mount Vernon" and that "if we go that route we'll have to start making arrangements to transport it."

The immediate problem in West Terre Haute developed Sunday when town officials received complaints that the water had a peculiar odor and unusual taste. Some residents later said they had noticed a problem with the water several months ago.

Tests made by the State Board of Health determined that an aromatic compound, possibly gasoline, was the apparent contaminant.

Hilton said Wednesday that the preliminary investigation "shows that it is possible—we're not sure—that (the problem is caused) by a loss of gasoline at a local gas station."

He said the proprietor of a local service station had informed him that he could not account for the loss of some gasoline.

Based on the information about the apparent contamination, the State Board of Health was preparing Wednesday a letter condemning the two wells now being used for the town's water supply.

The pumps in the wells will be pulled out and the wells themselves will be sealed.

Such action is not being taken immediately because of the need to have water available in the community for fire protection.

The contaminant that has apparently entered the water system made a slow migration into the wells, according to Hilton. He predicted that "it will probably get worse, then peak and then drop off."

Hilton said that it would "take years to fully remove the contaminant from the wells."

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LIGGETT WATER PROJECT TAP-ON *West Terre Haute* TIME EXTENDED

The deadline for paying the tap-on fee for the potential water customers in the Liggett area has been extended until the end of the week since 24 more customers are needed to make the 200 necessary to obtain a Farmers Home Administration loan.

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Ed Roberts, who has been involved in the planning for the water extension service, reports that "we hope that 24 more people will deposit their fee at the First National Bank in West Terre Haute so this worthy project will not be scrapped after six years of work and planning."

As of last Friday 176 customers had paid the tap-on fee of \$250. The fee represents an advance payment for the water meter and shut-off valve on each customer's property.

The Liggett water project would extend West Terre Haute water service to the area.

Roberts notes that if 200 customers pay the fee, contracts should be let and the FHA loan should be approved by spring of 1976. He notes that by Jan. 1, 1976, persons who paid the advance fee will know whether the FHA loan will be approved.

All money will be refunded if the project is not approved.

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WTH Sewage Project Plans Advance

Sewage (Vgo) goes

By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

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Steps are now underway to provide a system for the collection and pumping of sewage in West Terre Haute possibly to be completed by the summer of 1978.

The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a statement that it will not prepare a draft environmental impact statement on the project since no significant impact will be made on the environment by the construction of the system.

Citizens have until June 22 to respond to the EPA with any contrary evidence, at which time the EPA will reconsider its decision if sufficient evidence is shown.

The project under question is the installation of pipes and a pumping system for the collection of West Terre Haute sewage and the pumping of the sewage to the Terre Haute Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment.

The estimated project cost, dependent upon bids for the work, is \$3,385,000, with the EPA paying 75 per cent (\$2,539,000), the state paying 10 per cent (\$338,000) and West Terre Haute providing 15 per cent (\$508,000).

Each resident will be responsible for the cost of the hook-up to the system from his home. The usual procedure in most municipalities concerning hook-ups is that the town passes an ordinance requiring the hook-up if the sewage lines are within 300 feet of the residence.

The installation of such a sewage collection system has been mandated by Public Law 92-500, which requires such towns as West Terre Haute to have the system because waste from the towns have been previously deposited in the rivers, like the Wabash, according to Robert Wright, attorney for West Terre Haute.

West Terre Haute has until August, 1977, to show positive steps have been made to eliminate the dumping of sewage into the river, Wright said. He reported the project already is well underway though.

A facilities plan has been completed which determined that the cost of pumping the waste to the Terre Haute Wastewater Treatment Plant would be less than building a similar facility for West Terre Haute, according to Dave Peterson, planner-designer with West

Central Indiana Economic Development District, one of the governing agencies over the project.

Peterson explained the notification that no draft environmental impact statement will be made will save the project about two months of time.

The next step of the project will be the design of the system, Peterson said. The engineering firm of Clyde Williams and Associates from Indianapolis has been working on the project with West Terre Haute since its implementation. All work of the firm is subject to review and approval.

The West Central Indiana Economic Development District, with which Peterson is associated, and also the State Board of Health and EPA review all the work.

Peterson predicted the project could be ready for the letting of bids by next summer and completed by the summer of 1978.

An estimated 1,218 residents of West Terre Haute will use the collection and pumping system, John Moden, project engineer with Clyde Williams and Associates, said. The original pipes laid for

the project in West Terre Haute will be large enough to carry sewage from surrounding communities of Toad Hop, Larimer Hill, Liggett, Taylorville, Ferguson Hill, Whitcomb Heights, Marion Heights, Sycamore Park, Barnhart Town and St. Mary of the Woods. Moden explained capabilities for possible expansion later must be included in the plans.

Dave Arnold, superintendent of the Terre Haute Wastewater Treatment Plant, reported the sewage from West Terre Haute will not make additional facilities necessary. He said all costs for hook-ups will be paid by West Terre Haute.

The sewage from West Terre Haute will be metered and the municipality will be charged as one user for the amount of sewage pumped through the plant. West Terre Haute will handle the billings of individual residents.

The arrangement between the Wastewater Treatment Plant and West Terre Haute will be like the one with Seelyville. Seelyville about a year ago connected with the plant for the pumping of its sewage for treatment there.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

of the
CIVIL TOWN OF WEST TERRE HAUTE

For 1975

GENERAL FUND

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Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 17,350.43
Receipts	115,311.31
Balance and Receipts	132,661.74
Disbursements	110,093.54
Balance, Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 22,568.20
RECEIPTS	
Property Taxes	\$ 72,435.28
Cigarette Taxes	5,175.78
Alcohol Gallonage Taxes	8,158.84
Excise Distribution	3,733.37
Loans	25,000.00
Refunds	146.00
Telephone Calls	55
Insurance Claim	61.49
DISBURSEMENTS	
Salaries of Town Trustees	\$ 4,500.00
Salary of Clerk-Treasurer	1,680.00
Salaries of Marshal and Deputy Marshals	31,457.35
Compensation of Town Attorney	1,680.00
Compensation of Firemen	23,449.00
Compensation of Vacation Employees	4,380.00
Electric Current	9,250.00
Printing, Other than Office Supplies	551.48
Purchase and Repair of Equipment	4,194.83
Garbage and Trash Collection Contract	3,000.00
Gasoline	4,574.22
Other Office Supplies	257.30
Insurance	8,645.56
Hydrant Rental	1,080.00
Clothing Allowance for Firemen	1,029.69
Retirement and Social Security—Town's Share	3,224.87
Refunds	5,735.43
Premiums on Official Bonds	210.00
Clothing Allowance for Policemen	953.81
MOTOR VEHICLES HIGHWAY FUND	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 14,228.42
Receipts	31,217.32
Balance and Receipts	\$ 45,445.74
Disbursements	31,471.47
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 13,974.27
RECEIPTS	
Motor Vehicles Highway	\$ 30,017.32
Sale of Equipment	1,200.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Salary of Street Commissioner	\$ 8,100.00
Salary of Employees	7,800.00
Repairs and Purchase of Equipment	1,574.41
Construction Contracts	3,744.97
Gasoline	1,598.65
Materials	6,057.44
Insurance	1,927.09
Social Security—Town's Share	668.91
PAYROLL FUND	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 6,940.95
Receipts	142,739.33
Balance and Receipts	\$ 149,680.28
Disbursements	144,086.87
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 5,593.41
R AND S FUND	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 503.65
Receipts	13,208.97
Balance and Receipts	13,712.62
Disbursements	13,680.00
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 32.62
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 46,035.67
Receipts	18,977.85
Balance and Receipts	65,013.52
Disbursements and Loans	35,571.30
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 29,442.22
DISBURSEMENTS	
Construction	\$ 5,328.04
Purchase of Equipment	1,646.50
Sewer Pipe	3,596.76
Loan to General Fund	25,000.00
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 14,225.25
Receipts	17,139.00
Balance and Receipts	\$ 31,364.25
Disbursements	\$ 21,602.10
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 9,762.15
DISBURSEMENTS	
Salary of Deputy Marshals	\$ 7,800.00
Compensation of Firemen	7,800.00
Purchase of Equipment	6,002.10
LEA ACTION FUND	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 3,667.00
Disbursements	3,667.00
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 0
WEST TERRE HAUTE WATER WORKS GENERAL FUND	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 19,415.87
Receipts	66,877.01
Balance and Receipts	86,292.88
Disbursements	87,895.01
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 18,397.87
BOND AND INTEREST FUND	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 20,612.94
Disbursements	8,878.00
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 11,734.94
DEPRECIATION	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 6,359.84
CONSUMERS DEPOSITS	
Balance, January 1, 1975	\$ 7,416.06
Receipts	770.00
Balance and Receipts	8,186.06
Disbursements	25.00
Balance, December 31, 1975	\$ 8,161.06

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GENERAL FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 6,249.46
Receipts		107,655.76
Balance and Receipts		113,905.22
Disbursements		96,354.79
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 17,350.43
RECEIPTS		
General Property Taxes		\$ 97,948.39
Fines and Fees		35.00
Cigarette Tax		1,649.85
Liquor Taxes		7,982.43
Insurance Payments		40.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries of Town Trustees		\$ 3,960.00
Salary of Clerk-Treasurer		1,500.00
Salaries of Police		31,600.00
Compensation of Attorney		1,500.00
Compensation of Firemen		25,340.00
Vacation Employees Salary		2,504.22
Power and Lights		6,257.86
Printing and Advertising		579.31
Repairs		5,501.86
Garbage Collection		3,000.00
Garage and Motor Supplies		2,500.00
Office Supplies		291.58
Insurance		5,626.20
Hydrant Rental		1,080.00
Clothing Allowance—Firemen		737.14
Prepayments on Official Bonds		120.00
Social Security—Towns Share		3,300.00
Clothing Allowance—Policemen		996.55
Refunds to County Treasurer		70.07
MOTOR VEHICLES HIGHWAY FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 8,975.87
Receipts		25,567.57
Balance and Receipts		34,543.44
Disbursements		20,315.02
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 14,228.42
LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 9,378.75
Receipts		13,133.95
Balance and Receipts		22,712.70
Disbursements		22,224.05
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 503.65
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 42,388.96
Receipts		6,049.43
Balance and Receipts		\$ 48,638.39
Disbursements		2,602.72
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 46,035.67
PAYROLL FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		126.84
Receipts		114,827.71
Balance and Receipts		114,954.55
Disbursements		108,013.60
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 6,940.95
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 36,489.25
Receipts		16,723.00
Balance and Receipts		53,212.25
Disbursements		40,993.00
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 14,225.25
LEA ACTION FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ —0—
Receipts		4,739.50
Balance and Receipts		4,739.50
Disbursements		1,072.50
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 3,667.00
WEST TERRE HAUTE WATER WORKS GENERAL FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 12,019.91
Receipts		62,385.40
Balance and Receipts		79,605.31
Disbursements		59,689.44
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 19,915.87
DEPRECIATION FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 4,594.03
Receipts		1,765.76
Balance and Receipts		\$ 6,359.84
Disbursements		—
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 6,359.84
BOND AND INTEREST FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 18,426.39
Receipts		11,266.55
Balance and Receipts		29,692.94
Disbursements		9,080.00
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 20,612.94
CONSUMER DEPOSITS FUND		
Balance, January 1, 1974		\$ 6,906.29
Receipts		723.00
Balance and Receipts		7,631.29
Disbursements		215.23
Balance, December 31, 1974		\$ 7,416.06
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WTH Adopts Ordinance

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A subcommittee of the Vigo County Area Plan Commission will study the 66 applications covered by a "grandfather clause" in the county's recently adopted Subdivision Control Ordinance and applications will be notified as soon as possible if changes are necessary.

Paul Smith, comprehensive planner with the APC, said that the subcommittee's recommendations would be referred to him and the department's attorney, William Maher, before going to the full Area Plan Commission for final approval.

During Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting, Area Plan Commission members saw a preliminary land use plan for Honey Creek Township, based on existing land use.

Smith said that is the first part of a proposed land use plan for the entire county and will be prepared by townships.

The Honey Creek plan is still tentative, he stressed, and will be the subject of informal discussions with the township advisory board in the near future.

Similar meetings are planned with officials of other townships as the work progresses, Smith said. Historical sites will be identified in each township, he noted.

Meeting with the APC Tuesday was Ron Gemlich, engineer with Hurst-Rosche, designer of the proposed \$3.5 million Southeast Drainage Project of the city's Sanitary District, to explain the project.

During the meeting a hearing was held on a new subdivision, Stonegate South, in Honey Creek township near Youngstown. The developer is A-Cix Inc. Conditional approval was given by the Commission, pending additional information from the Vigo County Board of Health.

A progress report on the transportation study was given, and Dr. Lee Guernsey of Indiana State University reported on a survey of new county residents.

Smith said that the town of West Terre Haute was the third legislative body in the county to adopt the Subdivision Control Ordinance. This action came at the town board meeting Monday night. The Vigo County commissioners and the town of Riley have already adopted the ordinance. The town of Seelyville will conduct a public hearing on Sept. 25. A committee of the Terre Haute City Council, chaired by Councilman Tom Lerahan, is currently studying the measure also.

The next regular meeting of the Area Plan Commission is Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Court House Annex, 120 S. 7th St.

CARDIAC CARE LECTURE TOPIC

The first of the season series of Terre Haute Medical Education Foundation Guest Lectures will feature Dr. R. J. Noble, Indiana University medical faculty specialist in cardiology, according to an announcement Wednesday by Dr. K. G. Wakim, coordinator of the local foundation.

Dr. Noble's topic will be "New Concepts of the Mechanism of Action and Use of Digitalis in Cardiacs," in the first meeting next Monday. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Indiana State University Clinical Education Building.

The first part of the meeting will see presentation of pertinent clinical cases of special interest according to Dr. Wakim. Then, Dr. Noble will speak on current concepts relative to the treatment of the disease and management of such cases, according to an announcement which notes that audience participation in discussion is welcome.

The Guest Lecture series of meetings will be held the third Monday of each month throughout the academic year, the announcement reports, noting further that doctors, nurses and all paramedical personnel of the area are not only welcome, but are urged to attend Monday's session and all other educational meetings during the year.

PTA COUNCIL SLATES MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 13 is the date set for the September Council meeting of the Vigo County Council of Parent-Teacher Association.

The meeting will be held in the conference room at McClain Junior High School, 961 Lafayette. C. Kenneth Cottom, superintendent of Vigo County School Corporation will be the featured speaker commenting on the topic "Where We Are With Our Schools and Where We're Going."

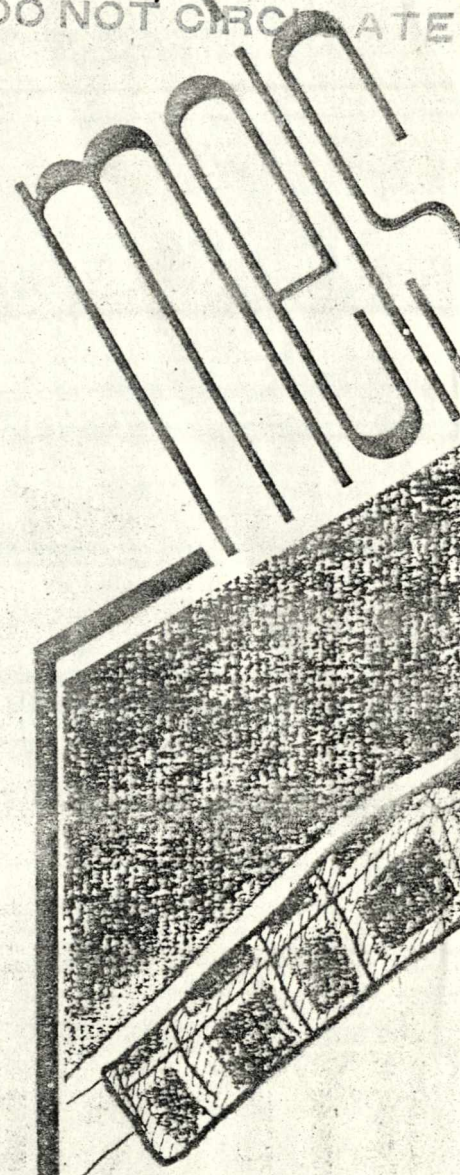
The business part of the meeting will include voting on the proposed budget.

PHIFER GUEST OF OPTIMISTS

Lee Phifer, general chairman of the Oktoberfest, will speak at the 7:30 a.m. Thursday meeting of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Northside Terre Haute at the

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Star Staff Writers

It will have been three years Tuesday since a newly seated member of the Vigo County School Corp. board of trustees calmly stunned area residents when shortly after taking the oath of office he moved that former Supt. George Huys be suspended and that Dr. Huys' resignation be demanded.

William J. Llewellyn, who had run for the board on a slate with Peter A. Farmer, Paul D. Haas and John Sutherland, had thus set the tone for four years of fundamental change in the administration of local schools that had been promised in the intensive campaign.

Farmer, who was elected board president during that July 1970 statutory reorganization

EX-POW LISTED AS SUICIDE VICTIM

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (UPI) — Marine Sgt. Abel Larry Kavanaugh, who returned from five years as a prisoner of the Viet Cong to face charges of aiding the enemy, apparently committed suicide with a gunshot in the left temple, police said Wednesday.

Few Indiana Counties Take New

Look At Local Option Tax

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By DARRELL CHRISTIAN
Associated Press Writer

Sunday is the deadline for Phase 2 of the local option tax, but few Indiana counties have indicated an interest in taking a second look.

Midnight June 1 was the deadline for the first phase of the local option tax under Gov. Otis R. Bowen's tax restructuring program, imposing the tax for the last half of this year.

Some form of it goes into effect this Sunday in 31 counties that approved imposing the levy in the first round of voting. Sixty-one counties rejected it.

The tax package gave the counties until July 1 to consider imposition of the tax for next year. Only a handful have acted on it and most counties aren't even considering it the second time around.

With three days remaining to approve it in time for enactment next Jan. 1, the matter has been reconsidered by only

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seven county councils that voted to reject the tax for the last half of 1973.

Steuben and Newton counties reversed their earlier negative votes, with the others reaffirming opposition.

Delaware, Lake, Jackson, Montgomery and Porter counties have rejected the tax for the second time.

Steuben Councilman Dale N. Nedele said the county's reversal resulted from a financial pinch many areas are expecting because of property tax

rate freezes in areas voting down the option tax.

"We just didn't figure we had enough assessed valuation," Nedele said. "The valuation would have gone up only enough to raise another \$10,000 in revenue and that's just not enough to run the county on."

Many counties that turned down the tax last month followed those votes with motions or resolutions to postpone any fur-

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Improvement Noted After WTH Survey

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Editor's Note — This is the third in a series of articles about the results of the West Terre Haute Community Outlook Survey sponsored and conducted by members of various interested citizen groups to ascertain community attitudes and needs.

By GLADYS SELTZER
Star Staff Writer

A "significant improvement in the physical appearance of the community" since some of the findings of the West Terre Haute Community Outlook Survey (COS) were reported by the Star has been noted by several West Terre Haute citizens who volunteered their services to distribute the COS questionnaires to one of every three households in West Terre Haute.

Results of COS were computed for each of the seven neighborhoods in the community as well as on a community-wide basis by the West Central Indiana Economic District, one of the groups involved.

John Sheehan, WCIEDD planner who has analyzed the results and worked with the COS groups, anticipated that the district's proposed solutions for high priority needs and problems as revealed by COS will be ready by September for presentation to the West Terre Haute Town Board.

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Analysis of neighborhood groupings reflected to a great degree the total community pattern of needs, problems, suggestions for improvements and positive reactions to many

aspects of community life which residents liked. Neighborhoods A, B and C in the survey were all located north of U.S. Highway 40 and bounded by Ninth Street on the west and Mackesy Street on the east.

In the opinion of residents in these three neighborhoods, problems of sewage, sidewalks and curbs, grass and trees along the streets ranked highest. In neighborhoods A and C, bounded respectively by Sixth and Ninth Street and Third and Macksville Street, water drainage was cited as one of the top five "disliked" characteristics of these neighborhoods. A and B, the latter bounded by Third Street and Sixth

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IT JUST WASN'T EVANGELIST'S DAY

GODFREY, Ill. (AP) — Holding a cross, evangelist Larry Clayton of Cleveland, Ohio, was telling a tent-revival congregation of 350 about the time Jesus calmed a wind-swept sea.

Just as he told them Tuesday: "Jesus can calm the storm in your life too," a prairie thunderstorm ripped the tent from its ropes. It shot 35 feet into the air and was ripped in five or six pieces. A large oak tree was splintered.

Clayton closed his sermon with the admonition, "Get in your cars."

Later Clayton observed, "It was a miracle no one was seriously injured."

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'Principal Actor'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House labeled John W. Dean III "the principal actor in the Watergate cover-up" Tuesday and submitted what Dean called "a substitute cross-examination of Mr. Dean by the President of the United States."

The list of accusations from the White House was read to Dean by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii. "All of us agree the President is entitled to his day in court," Inouye said.

Dean commented on each of the White House statements, which were not in the form of questions.

Dean testified earlier he gave President Nixon no specifics about the Watergate cover-up Sept. 15 but felt the President knew because "this was the hottest issue that was going on the campaign."

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The ousted White House counsel also made public what he called a "political enemies maintained by the White House," including a memorandum that discussed "how to use the available federal

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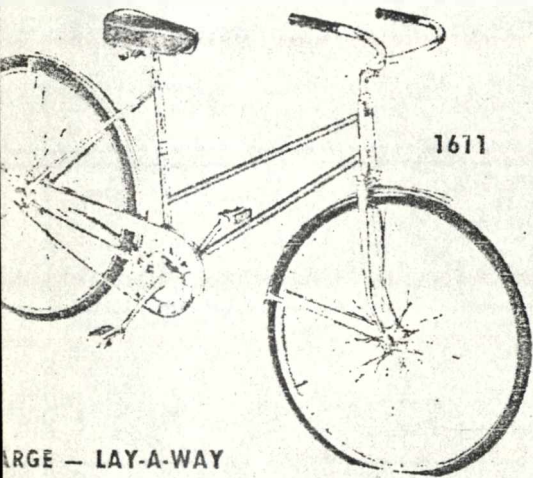
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ederation, said about a third of the nation's corn milling capacity has been closed down because of the freeze and that one major breakfast food manufacturer, Kellogg Co., was considering curtailing some of its production.

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Street, have a "significant" parking problem, according to the respondents. Neighborhood A found a tractor sales business as "most undesirable" while in B and C. "poorly kept property" was cited as high on the "disliked" list.

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High priority needs in these three neighborhoods were listed as care of trash, sidewalks and curbs, sewage disposal and recreation. However, recreation placed fifth in priority needs.

More than 30 per cent of the respondents in the three neighborhoods indicated they were thinking of moving because of these problems. They also believed any revenue sharing funds should be used for sidewalks, trash pick up, curbs and streets, a community center and sewage disposal.

Consensus was that there is a need for a park, swimming pool, tennis courts and playground, and there was a definite interest shown in a program for senior citizens' activities in A, B and C. From 46 to 69 per cent of the respondents indicated they would be interested in attending a public meeting to discuss community problems.

Next: Additional findings for the other neighborhoods responding to the survey.

BOSC, HARRIS ATTEND CTIS COURSE AT IU

Indiana State Police trooper Donald R. Bosc, 1448 S. 9th St., and Vigo County Sheriff's deputy William R. Harris, 1506 Barbour Ave., recently attended the Chemical Tests for Intoxication School at Indiana University's School of Medicine at Indianapolis.

The school trains law enforcement officers in the use of breath test instruments for the detection of drunk drivers. Each student who passes the course at the IU school is certified for two years. State laws require each person who successfully passes the course to be recertified every two years by the State Department of Toxicology.

Dubious Honor

LONDON (AP) — Lord Jellicoe, who resigned recently from the Conservative government because of his admitted link with a prostitute, once said of his much-decorated army ca-

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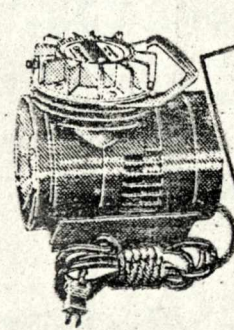
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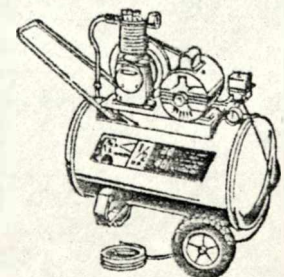


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West Terre Haute to Cut Ribbon on Walk Project

Local officials and a representative of the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) will cut the ribbon for more than 27 blocks of new sidewalks in ceremonies in West Terre Haute Friday.

The 10 a.m. ceremony on south third street near the post office recognizes the work of 37 temporary town employees hired under Title X of the Job Opportunity Program Act of 1975.

West Terre Haute received a grant of \$120,000 from EDA to construct new sidewalks, curbs and gutters through nearly half the town.

More than 85 per cent of the funds spent on the project, or nearly \$133,000, will be spent for wages of construction labor and office workers to administer the project.

Thirty-three of the 37 workers employed on the project were without work when hired by the town for their present jobs. In addition to payrolls, the project has added \$17,000 plus to the local economy for purchase of supplies and equipment.

West Terre Haute began construction last February and will complete final phases of the project by early February, 1977. Local officials estimate that 27 blocks of new sidewalks and curbs will have been poured by that date.

Among those invited to attend Friday's ceremonies are: Senator Birch Bayh, Senator Vance Hartke, Congressman John Myers, William E. Wilson, Indiana Economic Development representative, EDA; Dallas E. Day, president of West Terre Haute Town Board; Charles W. Cardinal and Betty Verpleatse, town

board; James R. Mann, clerk of West Terre Haute; J. Arthur Mann, president, Vigo County Council and WCIEDD; Sharon Baker, WCIEDD staff; John Scott, president, Vigo County Commissioners; Frank Kaperak and Terry Brentlinger, Vigo County commissioner; State Senator Herbert Fanning, State Representative William Roach and Terre Haute Mayor William J. Brighton.

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LEASE AGREEMENT SIGNED—The West Vigo Community Corp. has entered into an agreement with the Vigo County School Corporation which will provide a community center in the West Terre Haute area. Signing the lease for the North Elementary School property Monday were, seated, from left: Dave Johnson, president of West Vigo Community Corp.; Peter A. Farmer, VCSC board of trustees president; standing, from left, Sam Newport, WVCC treasurer; Bill Endress, vice president; James Herrington, secretary; Jerry Neidlinger, secretary, West Vigo Jaycees; Jerry Aue, Jaycee president; John E. Sutherland, school trustee, and State Rep. John A. Kesler, attorney for the WVCC.

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Water Turned On For WTH Citizens

The West Terre Haute town water system is now believed to be clean of all contaminants, Jim Chrisman, coordinator for town affairs, said Saturday morning.

"All homes and businesses should turn on their faucets and run the water for at least 15 minutes to clear the lines of old water, chemical treatment still in the lines and sediments," Chrisman pointed out.

A temporary water line has been linked between Terre Haute and West Terre Haute and a fresh supply of water has become available.

Chrisman noted that with all the water running, the pressure will be low for a period of time.

Water was drained from the 125,000 gallon water tank and the new supply was pumped in. Chrisman said crews were flushing water from the mains and hydrants all night.

He added that it was not necessary now to boil the water before using it after running the water for the 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, town officials continue to work on a long-range solution to the community's water crisis. Pumps and discharge lines at a well at the former Indiana Mushroom Corporation continue to be brought up to state safety standards. Once the well is revitalized, a permanent source for pure water will be made available.

Water in West Terre Haute was contaminated when gasoline leaked into the two town wells. Officials are planning legal action against a service station which is alleged to be responsible for the water contamination.

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New Test Well May Be Drilled Near West Vigo Grade School

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~~West Vigo School Corp & West Terre Haute~~

Efforts are apparently now being initiated by West Terre Haute officials to gain approval from the Vigo County School Corp. for the drilling of a test well near the West Vigo Elementary School.

Drilling on an earlier test well at a site on the northwest edge of West Terre Haute was abandoned Saturday afternoon after a depth of over 80 feet was reached with no positive signs that the well would be useful.

The test wells are being developed as town officials seek to solve a water crisis that developed last week in the community.

The two wells that had supplied West

Terre Haute with its water will shortly be condemned by the Indiana State Board of Health because they contain an apparent contaminant.

That contaminant is apparently an aromatic compound, possibly gasoline.

Jim Chrisman, coordinator of town affairs at West Terre Haute, told The TRIBUNE Monday that discussions concerning the drilling of a well near the West Vigo Elementary School have been conducted with Vigo County School Corp. officials.

VCSC Supt. Harmon A. Baldwin said early Monday he had been contacted by West Terre Haute in regard to the situation.

"We will try to be good neighbors in any way we can," Baldwin told The TRIBUNE.

He said, however, that he had not yet received any type of formal request for permission to drill a well at the school site.

Should a formal request be made, the VCSC board may be reviewing the issue at its regular meeting Wednesday.

Chrisman said the first test well attempt was abandoned when "we went 81 to 85 feet and were still in shale."

When a test well is completed, it will have to be continuously pumped for 48 hours before water samples can be taken.

Meanwhile, West Terre Haute officials are moving in two other areas as they attempt to solve their water problem.

First, an investigation is being made into using a pump and well at the former Indiana Mushroom Corp. plant, which is located about one and one-half miles west of the community.

The facility is privately owned and was reportedly closed in the early 1960s.

Chrisman said some pumping at the site began Sunday, but technical problems were being checked Monday.

In a second area, Chrisman reported that pipe would be delivered to West Terre Haute late Monday afternoon for the planned hook-up with the Terre Haute Water Works Corp. on a temporary basis.

Chrisman said he hoped the pipeline could be completed by Wednesday so that West Terre Haute residents could obtain water from Terre Haute until a more permanent solution to the problem is found.

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State Condemns Wells in WTH

T MAR 16 1977

By WAYNE PERRY
Tribune Staff Writer

West Terre Haute officials have been informed that the wells now being used for the town's water supply will be condemned by the Indiana State Board of Health because of the apparent presence of a contaminant.

The exact nature of the contaminate has not been determined, but Robert Hilton, Division of Sanitary Engineering, State Board of Health, said traces of an aromatic compound, possibly gasoline, had been found in water samples.

Hilton discussed the water situation with West Terre Haute officials Wednesday morning.

He said the Terre Haute Water Works Corp. has been contacted concerning the possibility of a temporary connection so that water could be piped to West Terre Haute.

Long-range solutions to the problem, according to Hilton, would be either a permanent connection with the Terre Haute water company or the drilling of a new well field some distance from the current one.

Meanwhile, people receiving water through the West Terre Haute system have been warned to boil all water for drinking. In addition, officials have warned that lengthy showers could lead to eye irritations.

Hilton said that a preliminary investigation "shows that it is possible—we're not sure—that (the problem is caused) by a loss of gasoline at a local gas station."

He said the proprietor of a local service station had informed him that he could not account for the loss of some gasoline.

The immediate problem in West Terre Haute developed late Sunday when town officials received complaints that the water in the area had a peculiar odor and unusual taste.

Some residents of the area said later that they had noticed "something funny" about the water several months ago.

Samples of the water were taken to the State Board of Health in Indianapolis on Monday and initial tests were conducted.

Later tests, including a "sniff" test, were conducted and confirmed, according to Hilton, that the problem was in the well system itself and was not localized.

"After consulting with the State Board of Health . . . it was determined that the two wells now being used for the

water supply would be condemned," Hilton announced.

He said the wells would not be immediately closed because of the necessity of having water in the area in case of fire.

Hilton said, however, that a letter concerning the condemnation of the wells is currently being prepared and that the pumps in the wells will be removed and the wells themselves will be sealed.

Hilton said that the contaminant apparently had made a slow migration into the wells and that "it will probably get worse, then peak and then drop off."

He added, however, that it would "take years to fully remove the con-

taminant from the wells."

As noted, Hilton said a temporary arrangement was being investigated for the piping of water to West Terre Haute from Terre Haute.

"A major problem with that is trying to find the one and one-half miles to two miles of pipe that will be needed," Hilton explained.

Hilton said the Environmental Protection Agency had concurred with state officials that boiling the water for 10 minutes should make it "good" for drinking.

"Later they decided that contact with the water for long periods of time—as in a shower—could cause eye irritation," he added. (OVER)

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OFFICIALS REVIEW WEST TERRE HAUTE WATER CRISIS
— Robert Hilton (seated), Indiana State Board of Health, reviewed the water crisis facing West Terre Haute during a meeting with town officials Wednesday morning. Hilton announced that the wells now being used for West Terre Haute's water supply will be condemned because of a contaminate found in the system. Discussing the alternative sources of

water for the community with Hilton are James R. Mann, clerk-treasurer; John Sutherland, town trustee; Charles Cardinal, town trustee; and Dallas Day, town board president. Hilton said a preliminary investigation shows that the contamination might possibly have come from the loss of gasoline at a local gas station.

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Board fails *West Terre Haute* to suspend Don Lark

JUL 14 1978

By PATRICK J. BARNES
Tribune Staff Writer

Efforts to suspend or terminate West Terre Haute Chief of Police Don Lark failed to materialize Thursday night after two of the three town board members did not attend a special meeting.

Dallas "Tex" Day, president of the town board, called the special meeting for the purpose of "resolving a problem involving the police department," he told a crowd of some 100 persons.

Other board members, Charles Cardinal, who also serves as superintendent of the Vigo County Highway Department, and John Sutherland failed to attend the special meeting.

Town board attorney Robert Wright explained business could not be conducted without the presence of Cardinal and Sutherland.

Disciplinary action against Lark, according to Wright, could only be taken if a majority of the board attended a special meeting.

A controversy developed Wednesday night during another town board meeting called to hear complaints against Lark in connection with the dismissal of charges against a West Terre Haute youth.

During that meeting, a dispute developed and Lark is alleged to have struck two members of the police department and Jim Chrisman, town coordinator.

The TRIBUNE learned from Deputy Prosecutor Ken Levin that an unidentified man came to the prosecutor's office Thursday morning and requested a warrant charging Lark with assault and battery.

According to Levin, the matter is being investigated to determine if a warrant should be filed.

Lark told The TRIBUNE Friday that he ordered policeman Larry Roberts to dismiss charges of criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and fleeing police against a West Terre Haute youth who was arrested June 30.

According to Lark, the charges against Larry West were made after West smashed the windshield of an automobile and fled when officers attempted to arrest him.

Lark said his investigation revealed West smashed out the windshield of his own automobile while it was parked on property owned by the youth's father.

Lark said he ordered the charges dismissed because he feared the police department would be sued for making a false arrest.

Contrary to some reports, Lark said he did not suspend Roberts, who serves as a part-time West Terre Haute policeman.

The town board is scheduled to meet in regular session Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

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\$750,000 Suit Filed In WTH Water Loss

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

The West Terre Haute Water Works has filed a suit seeking \$750,000 damages against a West Terre Haute service station and its parent company in Vigo Superior Court Division 2.

The complaint for damages was filed against Norman Fuller and Mae Fuller, doing business as the Owens Oil Service Station, 501 West National Ave., West Terre Haute, and Clark Oil and Refining Corporation.

Robert L. Wright, attorney for the West Terre Haute Water Works, said the suit seeks to recover expenses incurred when the two town wells were condemned because of contamination from a gasoline leak at the Owens station into the town's water supply.

The water works hopes to recover costs of the emergency labor, pipe and land needed to deal with the emergency that developed.

The suit contends that the defendants were negligent and careless in permitting gasoline to leak from the service station's tanks into the town's principal water supply.

The plaintiff contends that the defendants were negligent in failing to make regular inspection of their gasoline tanks; in failing to maintain proper maintenance of their gasoline tanks; and in failing to stop or correct the

leakage from the gasoline tanks when they knew, or should have known, that the tanks were losing gasoline.

Residents of West Terre Haute learned March 15 that the town's two wells had been condemned by the State Board of Health. Health officials, after receiving numerous complaints about the taste and odor of the water, tested the water and revealed that gasoline had contaminated the town's water system. The two wells, built in 1915 and 1930, were ordered to be sealed, and town officials were faced with the problem and the expense of finding and quickly developing a new water source.

During the past few weeks, town board members have worked on both long-range and short-range solutions to the water crisis. The short-range solution was completed last weekend, when water was pumped through a temporary water line from Terre Haute to West Terre Haute.

In a related matter, another suit is expected to be filed this week by Attorney C. Joseph Anderson in behalf of a client who is a regular subscriber to the West Terre Haute Water Works, and who will seek damages from the Fullers and the Owens Oil Company as a result of the contamination of the town water supply by leaking gasoline.

The suit may be filed as a class action, Anderson said Wednesday, in behalf of the 1500 to 1600 subscribers similarly situated in terms of private damages due to the negligence of the oil company.

Anderson said he would probably file the suit in Vigo Superior Court Division 2, as a companion suit to the one filed Wednesday by Wright for the West Terre Haute Works.

Lines had to be purged and the 125,000 gallon West Terre Haute storage tank drained before West Terre Hauteans could start using the water piped in from Terre Haute.

Two new wells are being considered for potential new sources of water for the town. One is a newly drilled test well adjacent to the West Vigo Elementary School and the other is an existing well at the old Indiana Mushroom Corporation plant, which was revitalized about two weeks ago. First tests of samples from both these wells received favorable reports from the Indiana Board of Health.

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West Terre Haute water about to run?

By Larry Bemis Sp OCT 22 1977

West Terre Haute could have its own source of water again by December. But it may cost customers 40 per cent more than they are currently paying.

The city has been using water from Terre Haute since the first of April, after traces of gasoline were found in its own water supply on March 13.

The State Board of Health ordered residents to boil all their water before drinking, and many residents had to buy water from commercial haulers.

The hook-up with the Terre Haute system was completed on April 2, and West Terre Haute began seeking funds to find new wells.

Final approval of the water well improvement project is expected this week, according to Water Works Commissioner James Chrisman.

The Public Service Commission of Indiana (PSCI) is expected to grant final approval for the project, the 40 percent rate increase and the Liggett extension project.

Work on the Liggett extension could start by late November, and the new water wells could be functioning by early December. Chrisman said he was not sure when the Liggett extension would be complete, as the contractor has "either 120 or 180 days" to complete work after the contracts are signed.

The town has requested a 40 per cent rate increase to help pay for the well improvement project. In-town customers would pay a minimum of \$2.10, up from \$1.50, and out-of-town customers would have their minimum rate increased from \$4 to \$5.60.

Total cost for the water well improvements is \$155,000, which includes a \$25,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to improve the three wells, and a \$29,000 "eminent threat" grant approved in late September.

The eminent threat grant was approved when HUD determined the situation to be an immediate threat to public health.

When the project is finished, the town will have three wells: two at the West Vigo Elementary School, and one at the Indiana Mushroom plant, about three miles southwest of the city limits.

The total cost includes the new wells, plus the transmission lines to feed the water to the existing lines. The contracts for the wells and pumps have been awarded to Lane Northern Co. of Indianapolis, and the contracts for the pump buildings, chlorinators and transmission lines to A. E. Crowley Piping Co. of Terre Haute.

The Liggett extension project will bring water service to 217 new customers when complete, and will cost an estimated \$459,000. The original Federal Housing Authority bond issue was set at \$194,000, and was supplemented by a \$95,000 loan from FHA to meet the increased expenses. The main line extension will be

laid by Heine & Sons Co. of Terre Haute, and the water tank, to be at West Vigo High School, will come from Globe Inc.

When the projects are completed, with the new Liggett customers added to the 1,540 current customers, the West Terre Haute water system will be serving some 6,000 to 7,500 people, Chrisman estimates.

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DECA Week Under Way In County

Local high school students are observing National Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) Week from March 5-11.

Distributive education is an instructional program in marketing, merchandising and management. Students enrolled in the class can join DECA which is designed to develop future leaders in merchandising and distribution fields.

Students in the DE programs also work at local businesses in supervised training projects.

The students gain valuable experience learning to apply the concepts and skills learned in the classroom.

DECA activities planned for the week include a candy sale which began Monday, a Saturday bake sale at Honey Creek Square, and "Go-to-Church" Sunday at the First Congregational Church, Marshall, Ill. followed by a dinner there.

Several DC students from Terre Haute South Vigo High School will be attending a state career leadership conference in Indianapolis March 15-16.

They are Jan Archer, Richard Denham, Debbie Enne, Linda Furrer, John Johnson, Claudia Kelley, Linda Mann, Cathy Malooley, James Monroe, Tonia Price, Jean Slavens, Debbie Thompson, Renee Varda, Donald Wilson and Sabrina Sheets along with teacher coordinator Mrs. Mildred Bush.

Dr. Davis, Math Expert, To Lecture

The developer of an internationally recognized mathematics curriculum project will lecture this month at Indiana State University.

Dr. Robert Davis, director of a special mathematics project at the University of Illinois, will visit the campus March 29, instead of March 7 as originally scheduled.

Dr. Davis will lecture at 3 p.m. in 102 Holmstedt Hall on "The Use of the Computer in Education" and will meet informally with faculty and students interested in computer-assisted instruction preceding the lecture.

While he was at Syracuse

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West Terre Haute Survey To Cite Needs, Priorities

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A "Community Outlook Survey" will give citizens of the West Terre Haute community the opportunity to voice their opinions about future needs and priorities for the area.

Plans for the project, the first of its kind in West Terre Haute, began last fall, when the West Terre Haute Town Board and the West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD) met to discuss how community improvements could be initiated by the community itself.

Sponsoring organizations are the West Vigo Business and Citizens Association; West Vigo Jaycees; West Terre Haute Clergy Association, and the Town Board, with technical assistance from the WCIEDD. Some 50 people will distribute

questionnaires, at the end of March or start of April. One set will be for the community in general and another for the town's merchants.

No names or addresses will be required. Posters and other informational materials will help explain purposes and procedures. After the forms are completed, they may be placed in drop boxes at a number of locations for collection.

After the results of the survey are tabulated, arrangements can be made for follow-up meetings in West Terre Haute. The survey project is funded through the regular operations of the WCIEDD.

Spokesmen for the sponsoring organizations appear enthusiastic about the benefits of the survey, and urged all citizens to fill out the questionnaires.

"This information is an absolute 'must' if the Town Board is to have any sense of direction where the community wants tax dollars and federal revenue sharing to be spent," said John Sedwick, president of the West Vigo Business and Civic Association.

Dallas Day, president of the Town Board, said the board endorsed the project and will cooperate with the sponsoring or-

ganizations and the WCIEDD.

In addition to finding out what the people want as to spending of the tax dollar and revenue sharing, the president of the West Vigo Jaycees, Jerry Hopper, noted that "the survey will give guidance as to what direction the service projects of civic organizations should take and give an over-all outlook."

Jerry Dooley, executive director of the WCIEDD, and John Sheehan, planner, have been working with the West Terre Hauteans in the survey project. Both commented that "the people of West Terre Haute will have a chance to determine the future they want and what their community is going to be like to live in."

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A noted publisher in Chicago reports a simple technique of everyday conversation which can pay you real dividends in social and business advancement and works like magic to give you poise, self-confidence and greater popularity.

According to this publisher, many people do not realize how much they could influence others simply by what they say and how they say it. Whether in business, at social functions, or even in casual conversations with new acquaintances there are ways to make a good impression every time you talk.

To acquaint the readers of this paper with the easy-to-follow rules for developing skill in everyday conversation, the publishers have printed full details of their interesting self-training method in a new booklet, "Adventures in Conversation," which will be mailed free to anyone who requests it. No obligation. Send your name, address, and zip code to: Conversation, 555 E. Lange St., Dept. 536-66, Mundelein, Ill. 60060. A postcard will do.

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'Susannah' Drama Starts Wednesday

A two-act musical drama, "Susannah," will be presented Wednesday and Thursday (March 7-8) at 8 p.m. in Tilson Music Hall on the Indiana State University campus. Under the direction of Dr. Ramon E. Meyer of the music faculty, the production features a cast of 23 students and the 38-member University Symphony Orchestra under the direction of James Dailey, also of the music faculty.

Set in the present time in a rural Tennessee community, it tells the story of Susannah Polk, who lives with her brother Sam, and the events which follow a visit to the village by a traveling evangelist.

The play was written in 1955 by Carlisle Floyd, professor of music and composer-in-residence at Florida State University, and received the New York Music Critics' Circle Award after its New York Premiere in 1956.

CECIL GREEN CAPTURES BRAZIL MAYOR'S AWARD

BRAZIL, Ind. (Special)—Cecil Green, 304 E. Kruzan St., won the Brazil Mayor's award Monday night during a meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Board at the Brazil National Guard Armory.

The group said Green won the honor for his service to the community in aiding elderly persons by cutting lawns, repair work and running errands, all without charge.

The group, at Brazil Mayor Norval Pickett's suggestion, gave Tina Fabbri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fabbri, a teenage award for her efforts in ecology.



West Terre Haute Water Supply Cost at \$100,000 and Growing

By JACK HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

West Terre Haute's water supply problem has cost the town well over \$100,000 — with the figure continuing to grow by something more than \$2,000 per month until fall when the new, permanent water supply system, complete with an emergency back up supply, is expected to reach completion.

Jim Chrisman, who coordinated efforts to overcome the problem and realized success in providing fresh water to town residents within two weeks of the mid-March emergency, is looking

at the positive side of the situation, however.

First, there was the success of the three-way attack on the problem which not only obtained the current supply from the Terre Haute Water Works, but established quickly two wells, one of which is expected to be developed within weeks as the primary source and the other to remain as an emergency, stand-by source.

While town crews were obtaining and laying the long, temporary pipeline which connected the Terre Haute supply to the West Terre Haute water system by the first of April, other workers were

completing the first stages of a new well supply adjacent to the West Vigo Elementary School and found an enormous amount of water available from an existing well at the old Indiana Mushroom Corp. plant which had been out of operation for about 15 years.

Chrisman reported Monday that current plans call for bids on the final development of the well at the school site the end of this week, to be let about July 5 for work to commence July 11. He said the engineer's estimate, allowing for the possibility of delays not really anticipated, calls for completion not later than November and possibly months earlier.

Further on the positive side of the situation, Chrisman stressed the cooperation enjoyed at all levels of government and from numerous public and private sources toward solution to the emergency. Pipe for the temporary hook-up was expected to be a critical problem until the Vigo County Office of Civil Defense provided it. Local, state and federal officials acted quickly, devoting special attention to water tests and health considerations and to the need for funds.

Before the contamination of existing West Terre Haute water wells was discovered, steps were well under way to obtain \$25,000 in federal assistance for the town water supply, Chrisman reported. In addition, \$29,000 in "imminent hazard" funds also are to help defray the expense of the emergency.

The WTH water official advises that the costs, thus far, add up to around \$90,000 for the wells, pumps and transmission lines. Acquisition of the mushroom plant well site and easements will cost about \$10,500 plus another \$6,000 to put it in operation, not counting the cost of labor by town workmen.

Meanwhile, the water bill from the Terre Haute source is about \$6,000 per month — approximately \$1,000 more than the WTH water system receives in customer payments each month. Added to that cost is nearly another \$1,000 to operate and maintain the booster pump on the grade between Terre Haute and West Terre Haute and \$300 per week for parttime labor.

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WTH VOLUNTEERS
GET NEW TRUCK
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The West Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Department has a new 2,000 gallon pumper which will be placed in service for the rural area of Sugar Creek Township.

For the past six months, members of the department have worked with area merchants and residents of West Terre Haute to secure financing for the project.

Among those assisting were Adams Pontiac, Sussman's Iron and Metal Co., Paul Johnson Police Supply, Western Welding and Iron Works and Ace Hardware of West Terre Haute.

The WTH Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank all persons who have donated to the project. Others wishing to assist may mail their contributions to West Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 5, West Terre Haute, Ind. 47885.

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WTH Town Board Studies Problems Listed By Survey

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Editor's Note: This is the fourth and final article in a series about the results of the West Terre Haute Community Outlook Survey sponsored and conducted by members of various interested citizen groups to ascertain community attitudes and needs.

By GLADYS SELTZER
Star Staff Writer

West Terre Haute citizens living south of U.S. Highway 40

and the central business district listed street and curbing conditions, weed control, water and sewage as high priority problems in their replies to the Community Outlook Survey (COS).

Findings of the survey, conducted by means of a questionnaire delivered by volunteers to one out of every three households in West Terre Haute, were computed by the West Central Indiana Economic Development District and presented recently to the Town Board.

After board approval, the District now is proceeding to formulate proposed solutions for those high priority problems cited by the citizens. These solu-

tions hopefully will be ready for presentation to the board by September, according to John Sheehan, WCIEDD planner who has been working with the Town Board and citizen groups sponsoring COS.

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Results were computed for each of the seven geographical neighborhoods as well as for the community as a whole, including the business district north and south of U.S. Highway 40. Replies of citizens in Neighborhoods A, B and C, all on the north side of the high-

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way, were discussed in the preceding article.

Sharing similar concerns in many respects, citizens in Neighborhoods D, E, F and G also indicated less interest in a program of activities for senior citizens than did respondents in the other neighborhoods.

Residents of Neighborhood D, bounded by Edwards Street, Sixth and Ninth Streets, and a line paralleling U.S. Highway 40, in stating their opinions about 14 different community services in terms of priorities, cited street condition as the number one "poor" community service.

Sheehan has noted that services given a high priority in the "poor" rating column would be considered for primary attention in planning for solutions.

Curbs were given a second priority of "poor" and sewage service a third "poor" rating.

The other three neighborhoods south of U.S. Highway 40 also placed curbs, sidewalks, street condition and sewage high on the "poor" priority list for community services.

Neighborhood E, bounded by Sixth, Poplar and Sumner Streets and the line paralleling the highway, added weed control as a third priority in this category for community services. Neighborhood F, bounded by Olive, McIroy, Poplar and Sixth Streets, also cited weed control here.

Neighborhood G, bounded by Cherry Grove Avenue, Edwards and Sixth Streets and the river, placed sewage service as a number one "poor" priority with water, and cited outdoor recreation facilities as a third priority in this category.

The majority of the respondents in the four neighborhoods cited as conditions "most disliked" those concerning parking on narrow streets; parked junked cars and trash; junk yards and

littering; "no law enforcement" with regard to speeding; deterioration of property; poor condition of the streets and poor street lighting; noise, and dogs and cats running loose.

However, only a relatively small percentage of the respondents in each neighborhood indicated they were thinking of moving because of these problems. Statistically, there was nine per cent in Neighborhood D who said "yes" to this question; 10 per cent in E; 25 per cent in F and 14 per cent in G.

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In reply to the question about what should be done with taxes and any revenue sharing funds received, a large majority of respondents in the four neighborhoods wanted funds used for streets, curbs and sidewalks; their repair and cleaning, as well as for improvement of the alleys and more street lights.

This consensus was

particularly evident in Neighborhood D where 85 per cent of the respondents cited these as major needs, and in Neighborhood E, where 100 per cent of the respondents wanted the money spent for street improvements.

Respondents also gave high priority to spending the monies on garbage and trash pick-up, sewage service improvement; in Neighborhood G, 17 per cent of the respondents wanted funds for the drainage problem.

Percentage of respondents in the four neighborhoods who would be interested in attending a public meeting to discuss these community problems ranged from 11 per cent to 82 per cent, according to the survey.

The idea for COS was initiated last fall when the West Terre Haute Town Board and representatives of WCIEDD met to discuss how community improvements could be initiated by the community itself.

Plans and implementation for

the project were carried out by the sponsoring organizations, their members and other volunteers. The other sponsoring organizations were the West Vigo Business and Citizens Association, the West Vigo Jaycees and the West Terre Haute Clergy Association.

Sheehan said he believes "more people have been brought into community affairs in a constructive way as a result of the survey" which "also provides civic groups with projects for improvements they may wish to undertake either separately or jointly."

Those wanting copies of the survey may contact John Sedwick, president of the West Terre Haute Business and Citizens' Association, according to Sheehan.

Sedwick told the Star that he wanted to thank the business men and women and the citizens of West Terre Haute for their response to the survey and commended those who "used their own initiative to improve properties."

"The response shows that after many years of trying to improve the community with little or no results, citizens were willing to take a second look at the community and try and try again," Sedwick said in summing up the results of the community's effort for the project.

Cold Relief For Valley Due Friday

Wabash Valley residents can expect some relief from the bitter cold by Friday afternoon when the mercury will soar above the freezing mark for the first time in two days.

The highs on Friday will reach up to 35 degrees, but the chance for precipitation, in the form of snow mixed with rain, is about 70 per cent.

The lows on Thursday evening will range from 13 to 18 degrees and snow flurries will be scattered throughout the Terre Haute area.

The extended outlook for Indiana weather on Saturday calls for partly cloudy weather with the temperatures in the 30's.

Sunday's weather should be fair, but snow in the north and rain in the south is expected on Monday, when the temperature will top the 40-degree mark.

Lows will be in the teens on Saturday and Sunday and in the 20's on Monday.

Valley motorists awoke Wednesday to find a glaze of ice on the streets and highways, but police report that there

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Taxation (Terre Haute) T DEC 7 1972 Revenue Sharing Checks on Way

By JACK A. HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

A long-range advantage to local taxpayers in federal revenue sharing was forecast Thursday by Mayor William J. Brighton as he assessed information obtained in Wednesday's day-long workshop on the subject in Indianapolis.

NOW YOU KNOW

By United Press International

A small tuft of sticky cloth serves as a nose scratcher inside the Apollo 17 astronauts' space helmets.

Holiday Mailing Schedule Is Set

The United States Post Office has announced its schedule for holiday mailing.

Saturday mailing hours at the main post office will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for stamps and parcel post. All other windows will be open from 8 a.m. to noon.

Branch offices and stations will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Beginning Monday through Friday, Dec. 11 to 15, the main post office and branch offices will offer window service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Final dates in order to insure the arrival of mail and packages at their destinations in time for Christmas are:

December 11, Airmail greetings and parcels to Armed Forces in Europe (Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain) International air parcels to Europe, South and Central America; December 14, International air parcels to Canada and Mexico; International air greeting cards to Africa, the Near East and Far East; December 15, Surface greeting cards within the

United States, including Alaska and Hawaii; December 16, International air greetings to Europe, Central and South America; December 19, International air greetings to Canada and Mexico; December 20, Air-mail parcels within the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii); Air greetings and parcels to Alaska and Hawaii; December 21, Air greetings within the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii).

West Terre Haute John Scott Resigns Post On W.T.H. Board

By JAMES DRESSLER
Tribune Staff Writer

Vigo County Commissioner-elect John A. Scott Thursday announced his resignation as trustee of the West Terre Haute Town Board, effective at midnight Dec. 31.

He will begin a four-year term as Vigo County Commissioner of the Second District Jan. 1.

Scott has served as president of the West Terre Haute Town Board for the last five years. He was the top Democratic vote-getter in Vigo County in the recent election, winning by 4,704 votes while President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican, carried the county by 11,000 votes.

Town Trustees Dallas Day and Charles Cardinal have the responsibility of appointing someone to fill Scott's vacancy on the town board, although James R. Mann, clerk-treasurer of the town, is authorized by law to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

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switches. Cernan also reported for a time that not all the latches which lock the command module and the lunar module together had operated.

Mission Control said the alarm system problem was not serious enough to affect the mission and the uncooperative latch later took hold.

It was a more serious problem earlier, however, that delayed Apollo 17's launch. Officials on the ground said the lost time would be recovered by a speeded up voyage to lunar orbit and Monday's moon landing would occur at the originally scheduled time.

The astronauts ended their long work day at about 9:40 a.m. EST when they started a rest period of about six hours.

The caution and warning system which had been giving frequent false alarms was turned off for the rest period.

Cernan told Mission Control he would sleep wearing a communications head set so he could be awakened in the event a genuine emergency arose. The spacecraft's complex communications system allows Mission Control to monitor the condition of all of the systems on the moon ship.

As the crew began the rest period, their craft was about 47,000 miles from earth and was speeding toward the moon at 6,374 miles per hour. The moon at that time was about 200,000 miles away.

A computer which refused to acknowledge a manual signal from launch control technicians caused the Apollo 17 countdown to stop less than a half minute before the huge Saturn 5 rockets were to ignite.

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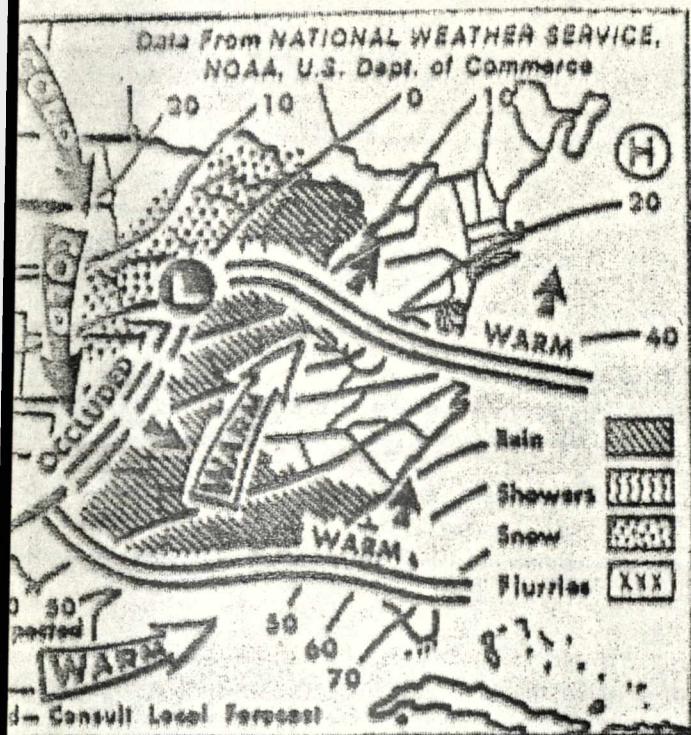


"Some things you do only once — like making a first impression."

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The National Wildlife Federation has proposed a ban on lead shot for waterfowl hunting throughout the United States by 1973.

John Scott

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town officials are Democrats.

Scott, in his letter to fellow trustees Day and Cardinal, said:

"It is with deep regret that I hereby, by this letter to you, tender my resignation as trustee of the town of West Terre Haute.

"As you know, the citizens of Vigo County favored me by electing me to the office of Vigo County Commissioner of the Second District at the last election.

"I shall assume the duties of commissioner on Jan. 1, 1973, and as you further know, the law of the state does not permit me to hold, simultaneously, two elected offices.

"I hereby tender to you my resignation as trustee of the town to be effective at midnight, Dec. 31.

"I would also like to express my appreciation and thanks to each of you for your cooperation, and assistance given to me in my five years as trustee for the town of West Terre Haute.

"I also would like to extend to each of you my wishes for success and progress for the town."

Indiana law says that any vacancy occurring in a board of town trustees shall be filled by appointment by the board, at a special meeting of the trustees, called for that purpose. At least five days notice must be given. The appointment would extend beyond the first Monday of January following the next regular election.

The law also notes that in any town where the board of trustees consists of an even num-

ber of members from any cause, the clerk-treasurer shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

The meeting to appoint a successor to Scott as trustee of the town must be held before Jan. 1, so the new trustee can be ready to take office when Scott assumes his new county commissioner post.

Peace Talks

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cease-fire negotiations with Tho, the Hanoi Politburo member he has been meeting with secretly for the past year.

Saigon newspapers forecast an agreement by Christmas. Nhan Dan, the official North Vietnamese newspaper, said there can be no peace until the South Vietnamese regime agrees to release all political prisoners, but this did not rule out a cease-fire agreement between the United States and North Vietnam.

The draft agreement Kissinger and Tho negotiated in October provides for the release of military prisoners by both sides within 60 days of signing but leaves the release of other prisoners to negotiations between Saigon and the Viet Cong.

Kissinger and Tho met for 5½ hours Wednesday but as usual maintained a complete news blackout. They shook hands warmly at the start and end of the session in a suburban villa, lunched there together, and walked in the garden, conversing in a lively and apparently friendly way.

The Havasupai are a small tribe of Indians living in Havasu Canyon, Ariz.

WIDOW OF FO DEMO LEADER DIES IN ARIZONA

Mrs. Sarah A. F. widow of a former V. Democratic Party died Wednesday night in an Arizona hospital.

Mrs. Kelly, who was 82, was born in Mesa, Ariz., where she died at 9 p.m. Wednesday. She was the widow of the late Robert X. Kelly, who formerly lived at 18 St., but moved to Ir in 1970 following the death of her husband.

Born in Scotland, Mrs. Kelly, who was better known as Mrs. Kelly, moved to Terre Haute, Ind., where she lived for many years.

A member of the St. Mary Catholic Church, Mrs. Kelly was the daughter of one daughter, Ann Hellman, one son, and one grandchild, Indianapolis.

Also surviving is c Msgr. James J. M. Tempe, Ariz., and f Mrs. Elizabeth O'C. Mrs. Helen Pothe Haute, Mrs. Margar Tempe, and Mrs. M of Chicago.

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WTH Residents Now Have Clean Water Available

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Efforts are being made to provide residents of West Terre Haute with pure water and a town spokesman said Friday sites have been organized for water distribution.

Jim Chrisman, coordinator of town affairs for West Terre Haute, said large tanks containing pure water have been sent to the West Vigo Elementary School and the town hall.

"Persons in need of clean water can get necessary supplies by coming to the elementary school or town hall," said Chrisman. Distribution will be limited to five to ten gallons, he said.

Chrisman said additional sites for water distribution will be made available Saturday. West Terre Haute residents can get water by coming to Bethany Church, Sumner Avenue Church, St. Leonard's Church and the former E.U.B. Church at Sixth and Poplar streets.

The clear water has been hauled from neighboring communities through the efforts of the Vigo County National Guard, Vigo County Civil Defense and other county officials. Persons needing clear water for drinking and food preparation should come to the aforementioned sites, Chrisman said.

Meanwhile, West Terre Haute and county highway crews continue to drill for a test well at a site near the West Terre Haute Little League Park, between Paris Avenue and the railroad tracks.

Town officials will send samples of water from the test well to Indianapolis where the Indiana Board of Health will conduct purification tests. Provided the well water passes the tests, construction of at least one new well will begin once project bids are advertised and a contract awarded.

Since both wells providing water to West Terre Haute residents have been condemned and are to be sealed soon, officials are planning to assemble a temporary water line from Terre Haute to West Terre Haute. Steel pipe is to be transported to the Vigo County community from Chesterton and Mount Vernon and officials

plan to construct the water line sometime next week. The pipe is being delivered on a rental basis and will cost approximately \$10,000 for rental, assembly, disassembly, and return shipment to the two Indiana towns.

It is believed a leak in a gasoline storage tank at Owens Service Station, West Terre Haute, is the source of the water contamination problem. The Indiana State Board of Health is investigating the matter, but has not officially named the source of the problem. Health officials did state Thursday that gasoline was the water contaminant.

A gas tank at town hall was to be filled and checked periodically to determine if gasoline had leaked underground from it.

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**Bayh Checking
With Corps on
Levee Problem**

SEP 6 1972
West Terre Haute
By MARY ANNE PIERCE
Tribune Staff Writer

Surface water standing in some West Terre Haute yards and believed to be caused by an engineering oversight has drawn the attention of United States Senator Birch Bayh, the West Terre Haute Levee Association and the West Terre Haute Town Board.

John Scott, president of the West Terre Haute Town Board, requested Bayh's assistance in correcting the oversight.

Contact with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be made by Sen. Bayh and the two governmental units urging an immediate solution to the problem.

Water that once drained naturally along a ditch to the bottomlands following a rain now floods yards and some basements.

The situation developed after a drain in the McIlroy St. area was moved as levee construction progressed. The ditch was relocated at a point where water must run uphill if it is to drain.

"I don't know of any water that runs uphill," commented Gil Bedino, president of the levee association, as he described efforts by his group to correct the problem.

According to Scott, residents at the east end of West Terre Haute are affected by the water. He said many of them are unable to use backyards and alleys and one resident "had a foot of water in her basement" following a rain.

Scott placed responsibility for correcting the error with the corps. Haley Brothers Construction Corp., contractor, for the levee, followed corps' specifications and "cannot change the

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drain unless the corps changes its plans," he said.

Scott said Sen. Bayh assured him he will contact the corps.

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West T. H.
**Group Opposes
T. H. Star
Annexation By
9-3-78
WTH Board**

A group of Sugar Creek Townships residents has filed a remonstrance in Vigo Circuit Court against an annexation to the town of West Terre Haute, which was approved July 6 by the town board.

The suit, filed by Robert W. Rodgers et al., names John Scott, president of the town board, and the Town of West Terre Haute as defendants.

According to Rodgers, the land involved in the annexation is located west of the town from the Sugar Creek levee to the Penn Central Railroad tracks and an area southwest bounded by Sugar Creek, Ninth Street and Cherry Grove.

Other signers of the instrument include Frank L. Parks, Adam C. Smith, Phillip J. Glick, Walter Fortune, Raymond Glick, Blevis Popcorn Co., Max Erlichman, Ruth Geckler, Tennis Norris, Verna Kelly, John Isles Jr., Clarence A. Beck Sr., Lloyd V. Atterson, Jean Steele, Arbie D. Montgomery, Lily Page, George W. Wilkins Jr., Herbert R. Davis Jr., Jack All, Delilah All, guardian of Jack R. All, Lois D. Smith and Elizabeth Richey.

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WTH Levee Work Contract To Be Let, Bayh Reports

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By JAMES DRESSLER

Tribune Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) Wednesday said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is set to award a contract to eliminate the drainage problem that developed following the construction of the West Terre Haute levee.

Both John A. Scott, president of the West Terre Haute Town Board, and Gil Bedino, president of the West Vigo Levee Association, credit Bayh with speeding up action to correct the situation.

Bayh met in September with WTH leaders and immediately contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During a visit in Vigo County Tuesday, Bayh said he is pleased that work will start soon on a new structure to correct the drainage problem, which affects several residences near the new levee.

"I'm pleased to report the problems will be corrected very soon," said Bayh, who grew up on a farm in the Shirkieville area.

John Haley, of Haley Brothers

Construction, Inc., said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nov. 29. Haley said a contract probably will be awarded within the next few days.

The new structure will stop the accumulation of water along McIlroy Ave., which was not foreseen when the original levee drawings were made. It will be built on McIlroy Ave., and will keep surface water from collecting in basements and backyards of some residents on the west side of the levee.

The Army Corps of Engineers previously awarded a contract and completed a structure at Cherry Grove Ave., where water was accumulating.

Scott, discussing the proposed McIlroy Ave. structure, paid special tribute to Bayh for his assistance.

"We met Sen. Bayh at the air-

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WTH Levee

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port Labor Day weekend," said Scott, "and he promised us action. He has really seen that the job was done. I want to thank him for his effort."

The drainage problem affected several residences. Following heavy rains, surface water caused flooding of several backyards and at least one basement in W.T.H.

Scott said:

"One basement filled with water at Poplar and McIlroy, and several backyards north of Poplar flooded after rains. The new structure will be installed at the

east end of Poplar at McIlroy." Haley Brothers Construction, Inc., constructed the much-needed WTH levee, getting the \$544,092.30 contract in March, 1970.

The levee, built around the immediate edge of West Terre Haute, is designed to protect the town from the ravages of Sugar Creek and backwater of the Wabash River during periods of heavy rainfall and upstream runoff.

The proposed remedial structure was not in the original plans prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

WTH Receives New Fire Truck

By PAT BARNES
Tribune Staff Writer

"It would have never been possible without federal revenue sharing money."

Those were the words spoken Friday afternoon by Jim Mann, West Terre Haute clerk-treasurer, upon delivery of the town's new \$29,000 fire truck.

"The residents of West Terre

Haute," Mann continued, "can now give a sigh of relief knowing they have the finest fire equipment available to respond to any emergency situation."

The truck was ordered one year ago from the American Fire and Apparatus Company of Battle Creek, Mich. The company was purchased locally with the remainder of the truck and equipment made to order by the fire truck firm.

Mann said that since federal revenue sharing funds became available West Terre Haute also has acquired two new police patrol cars, radios for the patrol cruisers, two portable police radios, one base station radio, a street department truck with snow plow and spreader and a truck for the water works.

"The real fact is that without revenue sharing monies West Terre Haute would have never been able to purchase any of this equipment. Revenue sharing for our community has been the greatest thing in this century," Mann added.

The new fire truck is radio equipped and is bright yellow. It replaces a 1953 truck.

Mann said the town board decided on the bright yellow for the truck for two reasons. He said the board wanted the town residents to know they had a new truck and the color is more easily seen.

The truck, Mann added, pumps 750 gallons of water per minute and is equipped with 300 feet of 1½-inch hose and 300 feet of 2½-inch hose.

The truck was driven to West Terre Haute by Jim Dickman, a representative of the fire truck company.

Presentation of the keys was made to Dallas Day, president of the town board, and board members, Charles Cardinal and Eugene Verpleapse.

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West Terre Haute

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Court Denies Annexation Asked by West Terre Haute

An attempt to annex property on the west edge of West Terre Haute into the town was halted Wednesday by Sullivan Circuit Judge Wendell Tennis, serving as special judge in a remonstrance action in Vigo Circuit Court.

Judge Tennis sustained a motion for summary judgment in

favor of the 24 property-owner plaintiffs entered earlier by Attorney Myrl O. Wilkinson of the Dix law firm. Attorney Verl G. Miller of the Berry law firm represented the town board.

The plaintiff's motion argued that annexation proceedings had not complied with law for second-class cities requiring approval by "the common council" for the annexation of land within three miles of the town limits.

The effort to enlarge the town and broaden its tax base was initiated last summer. The remonstrance was filed Aug. 31, 1970.

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Plans Outlined for Civic Center at WTH

By JAMES DRESSLER

Tribune Staff Writer

West Terre Haute civic and governmental officials Tuesday night selected several committees to check various procedures for acquiring the North Elementary School to use as a West Terre Haute Community Center.

Dave Johnston, president of the West Vigo Jaycees, said there is widespread support in the West Terre Haute community to continue discussions with the Vigo County School Corp. (VCSC) in an effort to acquire the school property, which will not be used by the VCSC after this school year. A new school is replacing it.

"We appointed committees to check out various possibilities," said Johnston. "Our first step will be to ask the school board at next Monday's meeting to delay disposal of the property for awhile."

That delay would make it possible for committees to complete their work and offer rec-

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COMMUNITY CENTER GOAL—West Terre Haute civic and governmental officials, plus other interested Vigo County residents, met Tuesday night at the WTH Library to discuss acquiring the North Elementary School from the Vigo County School Corp. (VCSC) for use as a Community Center. This is the last year the school will be used by the VCSC. Shown at the meeting were, from left, front row, Alex Menestrina, Jerry Tennis, Tex Day, Chuck Cardinal, Sugar Creek Twp. Trustee; Vern Anderson, Jim Mann, James Switzer Sr., Jerry Aue, West Vigo Jaycee President Dave Johnston, and Bill Endress; back row, Dan Chrisman, County Council President Art Mann, Gil Bedino, Charles Eggleston, Joe Tucker, James Keith, Randy Herrington, Jerry Hooper, and Donn Crockett. Cardinal and Day are members of the West Terre Haute Town Board. The West Vigo Jaycees organized the meeting. Martin Photo.

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ommendations to the West Haute community as to the best procedure for completing the project.

"We believe there are three good possibilities of getting funds necessary to complete the project," Johnston said. First, the township trustee is a possibility. The second possibility is the West Terre Haute Town Board. There also is a third possibility that we could get federal funds through the Area Planning Commission."

Johnston said all of those possibilities will be thoroughly investigated. Reports will be

given at a meeting next Tuesday night at the West Terre Haute Library.

The North Elementary School, 127 W. Johnson St., West Terre Haute, was Valley High School before school consolidation in Vigo County.

Preliminary plans call for the gym, which has a cafeteria, to be used as the Community Center. A building formerly used for shop also could be used for meetings. The school building probably would be demolished.

West Terre Haute
**WTH boundaries
ordinance ruled
'null and void'**

^{TH OCT 25 1970}
Vigo Superior Court Judge Charles K. McCrory issued a ruling Wednesday that a 1940 town ordinance which set boundaries for West Terre Haute is "null and void."

The ruling was in answer to a declaratory judgment sought by Bobby Virgil Richey, 914 S. Ninth St., West Terre Haute, who claimed the original ordinance was not properly enacted.

McCrory's ruling set town boundaries as those which existed prior to enactment of the ordinance on April 8, 1940. That ordinance was never advertised or published in a paper of general circulation in Vigo County pursuant to Indiana law, the ruling noted.

Richey claimed he was informed that he could not vote in the Nov. 6 town election because he did not live in the Town of West Terre Haute, under boundaries set in the 1940 ordinance. He contended he had paid property taxes in West Terre Haute for the past 22 years, had received governmental services and had voted in past town elections.

Richey's complaint for a declaratory judgment against the West Terre Haute Town Board was filed last week by Kesler & Stark.

Attorney Robert L. Wright is counsel for the town board.

Following Wednesday's ruling, Wright filed separate motions to quash and to dismiss another suit filed in Vigo Circuit Court against the town election board by 27 residents of West Terre Haute who are seeking an injunction to prevent non-residents from voting in the town election.

Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan has set Oct. 30 for a hearing on that suit, which was filed by James Bopp Jr. for the plaintiffs.

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West Terre Haute Workers Hold Line On Pay Increases

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Several West Terre Haute municipal workers told the town board Monday night they would do without a pay increase for 1980 to make it easier for the town board members to meet expenses.

WTH clerk-treasurer Jim Mann said Monday night most, but not all, West Terre Haute municipal workers indicated they would work for the same salary in 1980. "This represents a considerable sacrifice on the part of the employees," board President Dallas Day said.

The West Terre Haute town board voted to approved the advertised general fund budget of \$166,240. The

total of all funds to be used by the town is \$309,240, including the general fund, motor vehicle highway fund (\$39,000), local road and street fund (\$45,000), federal revenue sharing trust fund (\$24,000) and cumulative capital improvement fund (\$35,000).

Mann said the board approved the city budget as advertised, knowing the budget will be reduced by the county and state tax review boards. Mann said the board wanted to get the most possible money for town operations, but only approximately \$3,000 more money is available than last year due to the low assessed valuation of WTH.

The Seelyville Town Board also approved the budget as advertised.

A breakdown of funds shows general fund, \$41,701; motor vehicle highway fund, \$26,127; local road and street fund, \$9,924; federal revenue sharing trust fund, \$5,000; cumulative capital improvement fund, \$10,000, and cumulative fire equipment fund, \$1,547.

Seelyville clerk-treasurer Ruth Hendrix the total budget is \$94,299, approximately \$300 higher than last year. "The increase was something to be expected," Hendrix said.

The Riley Town Board approved the budget as advertised which includes a general fund of \$16,117.

The total operating budget of \$29,317 includes \$5,200 in the motor vehicle highway fund; \$8,000, cumulative capital improvement fund; \$900, town trustees' salary; \$600, clerk-treasurer's salary; \$300, salary of marshal and deputy marshals, and \$100, compensation for town attorney.

There were no major changes in the overall budget which was slightly higher than last year's reflecting an increase in the cost of living, Larry L. Baker, Riley clerk-treasurer said.

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Boundary Dispute To Hit Election

By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

A lawsuit to uphold a 1940 ordinance has been filed in Vigo Circuit Court against the town election board of West Terre Haute.

The lawsuit seeks to enjoin the town election board from permitting "non-residents" of West Terre Haute from voting in the Nov. 6 election until the court determines the true boundaries of the town.

A dispute over the town boundaries exists and, until the matter is settled, plaintiffs are requesting the approximate 60 persons affected not be permitted to vote. The dispute pertains particularly to persons living south of Ratcliff Avenue, who plaintiffs describe in the suit as "non-residents".

The problem, according to James R. Mann, a member of the election board, is twofold. Mann said persons living in the area south of Ratcliff Avenue pay town taxes.

"I realize there is an argument over the true boundaries of the town, but these persons who now could lose their voting right have always paid town taxes. This country was founded on a premise of no taxation without representation," Mann said.

The actual argument is linked to General Ordinance No. 1, 1940, legislation spelling out town boundaries. According to a legal interpretation issued in 1960 by former town attorney Leonard Kincade, the ordinance is void because it reportedly never was published as a legal advertisement.

Mann admits the 1940 ordinance

excludes residents south of Ratcliff Avenue from the town boundaries, although these persons have been assessed town taxes. He said if the 1940 ordinance is void, then the boundaries do extend beyond Ratcliff Avenue and also include property on Paris Road.

Although election board member Lorna Collins disagrees, Mann and board member James E. Miller contends the approximate 60 persons should be permitted to vote until a court decision is made or until a legal interpretation is handed down by either town attorney Robert L. Wright or the State Election Board.

Plaintiffs allege the town election board, despite repeated requests, has refused to determine the town boundaries for the purposes of town elections. They contend "irreparable harm" shall result if non-residents are permitted to vote. The suit requests the election boards of voting precincts E and F in Sugar Creek Township be enjoined from permitting non-residents to vote.

The plaintiffs, primarily registered Republicans, include Leon Cox, Joan E. Porter, James A. Porter, Douglas J. Porter, Thom Edwardson, Bruce Miller, Fern A. Freeman, Fred W. Freeman Jr., Marie Fagg, Richard Fagg, Robert D. Lyon, Tammy D. Lyon, Fred W. Freeman, Gerald Menestrina, Freda Speer, Guindline Walker, Hazel Thornton, Julie A. Cox, Ricky Menestrina, David J. Jasper, G. Mae Joy, Richard A. Joy, Eva M. Palmer, Perry L. Palmer, and Barbara Cox.

The suit was filed by attorney James Bodo Jr.

Second complaint filed in WTH boundary dispute

OCT 20 1979

A second lawsuit resulting from a boundary dispute over the West Terre Haute town election has been filed in Vigo Superior Court Division 2.

Bobby Virgil Richey is plaintiff in the action against the West Terre Haute Town Board and clerk-treasurer. Named as defendants are town board members Dallas Day, Charles Cardinal, and John Sutherland, and James Mann, clerk-treasurer.

The suit, filed by the Kesler & Stark law firm, alleges Richey has paid property taxes for 22 years in West Terre Haute. He states an election officer informed him he did not live within the boundaries of the town pursuant to an ordinance passed April 8, 1940.

Richey contends that the 1940 boundary ordinance was never published in two newspapers as required by law, and therefore is void. He contends that the town boundaries should be based on laws prior to the 1940 ordinance which would include his property in the West Terre Haute town limits.

Wednesday 27 residents of West Terre Haute filed a lawsuit against the town election board requesting the Vigo Circuit Court to enjoin the board from permitting non-residents to vote in the Nov. 6 election.

The plaintiffs in that suit maintain the 1940 boundary ordinance is valid. That ordinance would prohibit residents living south of Ratcliff Avenue from voting in the election.

Two election board members

(Jamss R. Mann and James E. Miller) contend that the so-called residents should be permitted to vote since they pay property taxes in West Terre Haute.

Vigo Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan has set Oct. 30 as a hearing date for the initial lawsuit.

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Political Gears Turn in West Terre Haute

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For the first time in living memory a group of local citizens are challenging the political chains that lock West Terre Haute to the ground. A bipartisan group of angry democrats, independents and republicans are unifying under the republican banner to change the town government of West Terre Haute.

At press time, a republican nominating convention was to be held in the old Valley gym in West Terre Haute. The convention is open to all citizens.

Vigo county republican chairman, Don Nattkemper said, "We are simply a means to an end. The republican party is happy to be conduit for these people to challenge the established ruling group in West Terre Haute."

"For generations the town government of West Terre Haute has been unresponsive and irresponsible of the citizens needs and monies." Nattkemper feels that the citizens of West Terre Haute "have the best chance this century to take real control of their local government. They ran the town for their own benefit not the citizens. Finally many citizens are sick of it."

Nattkemper sighted the recent West Terre Haute democratic party nomination

convention as an example of how bad government is in West Terre Haute.

"The democratic convention was a closed affair. There were many democrats wanting to nominate good, decent people for the various town offices. They weren't recognized by the chair. Only members of the ruling clique were allowed to be nominated for various offices. It was a mockery of democratic government."

Nattkemper also expressed concern about the possibilities of voting irregularities in West Terre Haute. He plans to keep a close eye on what happens over there.

"We will assist in ballot security to prevent fraud as has often happened in West Terre Haute. In West Terre Haute you don't need to be a registered voter, all you have to claim is to be a local resident. We will be working with the prosecutor's office to prevent outsiders being brought in to vote," said Nattkemper.

Names being prominently mentioned as republican candidates are Jerry Menestrina, Jerry Lyons, Mike Collins and James Withem.

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Plaintiffs may appeal WTH boundaries ruling

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Plaintiffs in a Vigo Circuit Court suit over West Terre Haute town boundaries for the Nov. 6 election are expected to seek a writ of prohibition from the Indiana Supreme Court on a ruling handed down last week by Vigo Superior Court Judge Charles K. McCrory in another lawsuit filed in the boundary dispute.

At issue is whether a 1940 ordinance passed by the West Terre Haute town board is valid or not. McCrory's ruling, issued last Wednesday, declared that the 1940 ordinance was "null and void," as it was never advertised or published in a newspaper of general circulation in Vigo County pursuant to Indiana law.

That suit, filed by Bobby Virgil Richey, sought a declaratory judgment in the matter. Richey claimed he was informed that he could not vote in the Nov. 6 election because he did not live within the town boundaries, as set by the 1940 ordinance. He contended that he had paid property taxes in the West Terre Haute for the past 22 years, had received governmental services and had voted in past town elections.

McCrory's ruling was issued while the other suit was pending in Vigo Circuit Court. Judge Hugh D. Mc-

Quillan had set a hearing for Tuesday afternoon.

Plaintiffs in that action, 27 in all, seek to enjoin the town election board from permitting "non-residents" of West Terre Haute from voting in the upcoming election until the court determines the true boundaries of the town.

Approximately 60 voters live in the area under dispute.

In lieu of taking testimony at Tuesday's scheduled hearing in Circuit Court, the parties stipulated certain facts during a lengthy session in chambers.

Attorney James Bopp Jr. represents the plaintiffs and Robert L. Wright represents the town election board.

County Surveyor Charles Schilling presented up-to-date maps of West Terre Haute, including some residential districts not within the town.

The stipulations set out the town boundaries if the 1940 ordinance is in effect, and if it is not. If the ordinance is invalid, the town limits will include an area bounded by S. Ninth Street on the west and an alley between S. Fifth Street and S. Sixth Street on the east, Ratcliffe Avenue on the north and

Cherry Grove Avenue on the south.

"At this point in time, the court is giving full faith and credit to the ruling of Judge Charles McCrory in a similar cause until such judgment is repealed by a higher court," the stipulation of facts said.

McQuillan continued the case until the ordinance is ruled valid or in-

valid.

County Assessor James Diehl was among persons subpoenaed to testify Tuesday, but who were not called. A delegation of interested West Terre Haute residents on both sides of the issue remained at the courthouse for several hours until Bopp and Wright explained the status of the case.

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Federal funding sought to aid West Vigo Community Center

Federal funds are being sought for two projects at the West Vigo Community Center.

The West Terre Haute Town Board is applying for a \$1.3 million block grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for which part would be applied to capital improvements at the center.

According to Wayne Montgomery, executive director of the center, \$186,000 of the grant would be used for capital improvements.

The program for older citizens in the West Terre Haute area would be funded through a \$16,200 Comprehensive Employment Training Act grant.

According to Montgomery, the center receives one third of its funding from the United Way and two thirds from self-generated programs and events and donations from businesses and individuals.

The center is housed in the old Valley High School gymnasium and adjoining properties are used.

Future plans include proposed extensive remodeling and renovation of the annex to serve senior citizens for 40 hours weekly with extensive planning for girls' programs, full-time programs to serve all age levels and sexes in West Terre Haute, the acquisition of additional land adjacent to the center for a park and construction of tennis courts.

Montgomery said he would also request \$8,485 from the West Terre Haute Town Board for a new van from the latter's revenue sharing funds for the 450 senior citizens in the area.

The CETA grant would run from Oct. 1, 1979, to Sept. 30, 1980, with a possible six months extension, Montgomery reported.

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CABLE TV COMING TO WEST TERRE HAUTE

BOARD'S PROPOSED CONTRACT CALLS FOR INSTALLATION WITHIN TWO YEARS

~~West Terre Haute~~

MacKsville Gazette

JUL 4 1981

The West Terre Haute Town Board on Monday night gave local residents some good news about pay television. The long-awaited contract with a cable-TV Company may be signed yet this month. After that formality, it is merely a matter of time—less than two years—for the system to be in working order.

The reason for the delay, according to the board, stemmed from an action generated by two prominent Terre Haute men who claimed a franchise had been granted them some years ago. When this could not be proven, the Town Board and its attorney went ahead on negotiations with American Cablevision. The Board reiterated that Cable TV is among its primary concerns, as it is with area residents.

Certain considerations have not been ironed out as yet. These include consu-

mer cost to install the system, and use boundaries. Board President Jim Withem suggested that more concrete information would be forthcoming by the next Town Board meeting.

TOWN FINANCIAL STATUS

In other board action, Town Clerk Jerry Menestrina reported that the Waterworks balance is \$3,898.16. The low figure is due to a bond payment of over \$17,000.00 in June. This bond payment was for the Liggett water system and will be paid off in the year 2016.

Town Attorney Jim Bopp stated that the Clark Oil trial will begin on August 31, with the town asking for damages in the amount of \$120,000. An earlier class action suit against Clark Oil has been settled with local consumers to receive a total of \$12,000. This figure will be split among those who filed a complaint before July 1.

Jim Withem said he “expected a standing-room-only crowd,” at the meeting, due to the recent water rate increase. The crowd, however, offered only one complaint about water rates. (See accompanying article.)

Town Clerk Jerry Menestrina also reported that the town has a balance of all funds of \$28,585.85. Certain state funds have been received to repay the town for the placement of street and traffic signs.

In other business, Jim Withem noted the town had cleared the 8th and Poplar intersection of water by levelling the street and installing a drain.

Board Member Jerry Lyons reported that 7th Street has been blacktopped and that a total of twenty tons of blacktop had been spread during June.

The West Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Department reported 19 alarms responded to during June. The Police Department had 298 calls during the month.

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National Avenue Dressing Up

by Theresa Jacobs

You may have noticed some remodeling and new construction going on in West Terre Haute recently. There are some changes—and improvements—occurring on National Avenue.

The Assembly of God Church is one example. The plans include doing away with the front steps and adding a room. The familiar sight of church-goers gathered on the steps in front of the church will be no more.

The steps have in the past been a burden for the older parishioners, according to Pastor Summerfield, who told us that especially in the winter, the steps were oftentimes covered with ice and snow, and posed a hazard to the congregation.

"Also," he added, "doing away with the front steps will allow us to extend the front of the church toward the street, and we will put the extra room to good use—possibly it will be used for a nursery."

The new entrance will be at street level and will be brick-veneered. The stone face still visible from the original front will be sandblasted and restored.

"In addition to these improvements," the minister informed us, "we will place a 19-ft steeple on the new addition."

The existing building was constructed in 1957 when Archie Brown, Sr., was the pastor.

Farther east on National, between the laundromat and Monte's Inn, the two houses located on the property of 412 National Avenue will—by the time this



This view of the Assembly of God Church was taken a few weeks ago, when construction had just begun.

edition hits the streets—have been removed to make room for truck caps and a camping supply store.

Ron, who for the past seven years has had his business located on South 6th street in West Terre Haute, will be relocating on his new site fairly soon.

The name of his business will remain Ron's Truck Caps.

Lastly, we have discovered that Don

Baker of Don's Antiques has been preparing a nice surprise for everyone interested in fine antiques.

Don has opened the back of his shop to include the entire depth of the building which will afford him approximately three times the floor space of the original store.

He is now in the process of remodeling, decorating and adding more merchandise. Don's Antiques is hoping to have an open house by the end of the month.



Ron's Truck Caps will move to this downtown location within a short time. Upon relocating, Ron plans to open a camping supply store on the same lot. More new business on National Avenue should increase other business.



Antiques by Don will soon greatly increase its capacity for fine antique furniture, glassware and other collectibles. The enlargement is another indication of the popularity of antiques.

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First serious threat to Democratic rule in 25 years

Community Affairs File

By Carl Roger Orth

Political upheaval may be spreading across the river to West Terre Haute. Developments there in recent weeks parallel the rising fortunes of Terre Haute Republicans and the waning influence of Democrats. Now a split in the WTH Democratic ranks may threaten that party's 25-year rule.

National polls may show a blurring of party lines due to so much crossover voting. But on the west side of the Wabash River an almost quaint and very strong party identification survives these cynical times. It is like finding gasoline for 50 cents a gallon or a hamburger for 15 cents.

Discontent has now cracked that party solidarity. A breakaway group of three political novices is running with a single Republican candidate under the GOP banner to overturn the present system. It is the first Republican slate in eight years. Privately, the three still regard themselves as Democrats. What could these life long Democrats possibly find so distasteful that they would declare themselves Republicans?

Don Lark.

Some WTH residents vilify Don Lark for "iron-hand" rule as party chairman or "mismanagement" as the police chief. This may be harsh. Despite official titles, Lark functions more as a town marshal. And his folksy manner is reminiscent of a frontier lawman. He identifies with the job. But critics fault him for dispensing justice as he sees it--instead of merely enforcing the law.

Thus the four-man Republican slate is counting on people rebelling against any candidate associated with Lark's lapses into authoritarian rule. Coupled with a tax rate which is the highest in the state (on the brink of \$16), political unrest could unseat the Democrats who have set so comfortably in the four town board chairs since 1955. As in all times of unrest, change meets resistance and resistance can breed ugliness. Despite the best of intentions of politicians at present, the potential for a very bitter, dirty campaign exists.

Jim Withem, the lone Republican and unofficial mentor of the recently nominated GOP team, sees his political job simply as "education." He says: "If we tell it to the people we have a good chance (to win)." West Terre Haute has the highest tax rate (\$15.98) in Indiana and yet all we get is less service."

Withem is the "oldtimer" of the bunch. A 40-year resident in WTH, Withem served on the 1952-55 town board which promoted community projects and established the water works on a sound management basis. None of the three former Democrats have run for office, but they offer a cross-section of the community. Jerry Lyons, nominee for board member from the third ward, is the

decent, hard-working, solid citizen type. Mike Collins, running in the second ward, has involved himself in community group efforts. Jerry Menestrina for clerk-treasurer is a young, likable sort with a name recognizable among WTH residents. (Several generations of Menestrinas have lived and worked in West Terre Haute).

Republicans are a very rare breed in this Democratic stronghold, county chairman Don Nattkemper acknowledges. He compares it to the Christians facing the lions during ancient Roman arena events. Potential candidates have feared retaliation, either duress (real or imagined) or ostracization by friends.

But anger replaced fear after the 1979 WTH Democratic convention. According to rumors, Lark as chairman refused to recognize certain Democratic factions from the 281 people attending. He called on only handpicked people from the floor. Lark flatly denies this. He said grudges are motivating at least two of the Republican/Democrats. Regardless of the verity of the rumor, other embarrassing incidents involving Lark, such as documented fights with policemen, have undercut Lark's credibility. A sham of a convention was the final straw for some frustrated Democrats.

The three Democrats bolted from the party with assurances from Vigo County Prosecutor Eric Abel of "ballot security." Republicans maintain Democrats have abused WTH "law" which does not require registration of voters. It simply requires proof of at least 30 days residency in the town upon demand. Abel pledged to crack down on supposed abuses.

Bolstered by Abel, the Republican coalition is free to concentrate on issues for the campaign. Presently they are drafting proposals for reorganization of the water works and the police department. Water works loses a lot of revenue because up to half of pipelines to residences either have no meter or a broken meter, according to Withem who is researching the subject. Lack of leadership from Lark has led to abuse of sick leave and other privileges by West Terre Haute policemen, according to other sources. Naturally, both sides claim they will reduce taxes: Republicans will increase efficiency of police department while Lark proposes firing an assistant to water works bookkeeper Jim Crisman.

Both sides are gearing up a verbal barrage. Republican literature pleads with voters to not "let our town wither and die due to complete lack of leadership and management, higher taxes, less service and bad publicity."

"We're not going to lay down to a Republican challenge," Lark said in an interview with The Spectator. Democrats will work harder since they will not run unopposed and win even bigger, he says. Lark criticizes the inexperience of the Republican coalition. The three Democrat/Republicans did not attend the Democratic convention and have never been actively involved in WTH politics before. He noted Menestrina's age of 25. "He is not old enough and responsible enough to know what's going on in the town," Lark said. Lark said he had never seen Menestrina, Lyons or Collins

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participate in a town board meeting. Lark blamed the present town board's lack of unity on James Mann, clerk-treasurer, who Lark says has jealously kept control of budget away from other board members. (A reticent Mann did not directly address this allegation except to say "small town politics are always vocal"). Lark also noted that of the four Democrat nominees only Tex Day is running for reelection. Paul Murphy (Ward One), John Greene (Ward Three) and Effie Miller (clerk-treasurer) are new faces.

Lark will rely on his personal style much more than issues, though. He squints and looks people straight in the eye, certainly an uncommon trait for most politicians. He reminded the Spectator reporter of his charity efforts, such as delivering 156 food baskets at Christmas to needy people. He raised \$850 in donations to buy the police department a speedgun which the town board had denied to the department. "I would like to ask Mr. Menestrina or any of them if they have spent their own time with the youth." He referred to a boxing clinic for youngsters from juvenile delinquent centers.

"Some people are just sore," Lark dismisses the Republican effort. He speculates about motives of some of the Republican candidates. He said, off the record, that relatives of Collins and Lyons had run afoul of the law before. He had been lenient with them, according to his version of the story. He concludes they may be holding grudges. Without arrest records, of course, there is no way to verify Lark's story.

The Republicans can sling mud if they so choose. They need only point to a very well-publicized fight at the July 12, 1978, town board meeting which led to Lark's six-month probation. Lark struck policeman Larry Roberts, according to witnesses. In a plea bargaining arrangement on Jan. 9 (ironically enough under newly-installed prosecutor Abel), Lark pleaded guilty to a charge of battery. He was fined \$25 plus court costs and placed on an informal six-month probation which recently lapsed without incident.

Lark knows his constituency. Although he dislikes the outside interference (particularly from Abel who received many WTH votes), he may yet surprise political opponents. The Republican convention drew a broad spectrum of WTH residents, from young to old. They boasted of the very orderly proceedings. But they will need to ask themselves if they can withstand the onslaught of Lark Democrats if the election comes down to a no-holds-barred political mudfest.

"West Terre Haute is a poor town," Lark said unapologetically.

The election could answer one question: Do West Terre Haute residents agree with him?

EARLY SETTLERS LEAVE LEGACY

West Terre Haute

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Pioneers throughout the country are remembered for the simple reason that a new settlement requires a name. That name usually comes from one of the early settlers.

As most people know now, the town of West Terre Haute began its life under the name of Macksville, named after its founder, Samuel McQuilken.

We find the same thing true in Fayette Township. Fayette was originally called "Independence Township." That name was applied to the area now divided between Sugar Creek Township and Fayette Township in 1819. Independence must not have been a popular name, for in 1820, it was renamed Paris Township. At the same time, the present two-township system was established for the area west of the Wabash, and the present Sugar Creek Township was formed.

Four years later, Paris Township became Fayette, which name has remained for over 150 years.

The first settler of record in Fayette Township was one Jacob Newcomer (an appropriate name) who settled in just north of the present Sandford in 1813.

Jacob stayed only a couple of years before moving on, but his residency was succeeded by the Durkee and Barbour families.

Daniel Barbour was born in New York in 1780 and came to New Goshen in 1817. He was soon joined by Dr. John Durkee, who hailed from Olean, New York.

The present-day site of Tecumseh was originally known as Durkee's Ferry, and achieved widespread fame as one of the main crossing points on the river.

Some other settlers who stayed in Fayette Township in those early years were Elisha Parsons, Colonel Baldwin, Mrs. Holmes and Joshua Martin. Of most of these there is little living history.

In 1819 Solomon Lusk was appointed the first constable for Independence Township.

In Sugar Creek Township, some early settlers included William Caldwell, whose home was Tennessee, and John Crews, who also came from Tennessee.

We note also that in 1823, William Ray was appointed an Election Inspector for Sugar Creek Township.

The inimitable Samuel McQuilken created quite a stir when in 1830 he contested the election of Charles Taylor as Sheriff of the county. Unfortunately, the board of commissioners upheld Taylor's election, and western Vigo County lost its first recorded recount.

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